

Masses For The Week**Monday - January 14**

6:30 Mary LaPlaca
9:00 Peter Durr

Tuesday - January 15

6:30 Anne Gilheany
9:00 Deceased Members of the Barry Family

Wednesday - January 16

6:30 Charles A. Cisco
9:00 Peter Durr

Thursday - January 17

6:30 Vincent Mangiamiele
9:00 Neil & Mary Kelly & John Kelly

Friday - January 18

6:30
9:00 Anne L. Merin, Living, 95th Birthday

Saturday - January 19

9:00 **Multiple Intentions Announced**
5:00 Karen Ann Adkins
7:00 Florence Campbell

Sunday - January 20

7:00 The People of the Parish
8:30 Kimberly Alvarez
10:00 Anne Hughes
11:30 Michael DeZervos
1:00 Nicholas Funero
5:30 Nicholas & Dolores Baudille

Readings For The Week

Mon. Hebrews 1:1-6; Mark 1:14-20
Tues. Hebrews 2:5-12; Mark 1:21-28
Wed. Hebrews 2:14-18; Mark 1:29-39
Thurs. Hebrews 3:7-14; Mark 1:40-45
Fri. Hebrews 4:1-5, 11; Mark 2:1-12
Sat. Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 2:13-17
Sun. *Isaiah 62:1-5 As a young man marries a virgin, so the Lord will marry Israel. No longer will she be called "Forsaken," for she is now the precious one of God and will be called "My Delight."*

1 Corinthians 12:4-11 There is one Spirit from whom come many gifts. Each person is given a different gift to use for the common good. We are all united in the one Spirit through our individual gifts.

John 2:1-11 Jesus and his mother were invited to a wedding feast at Cana. There he performed the first of his great signs, changing water into wine. Thus he revealed his glory to all.

***Divine Mercy Novena***

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

Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift**Collections from past weeks:**

December 23 \$18,147.50
December 25 \$57,570.11
December 30 \$15,493.39
January 1 \$6,902.00
January 6 \$19,742.42

Christmas Flowers \$6,230.00

We wish to thank all our parishioners and visitors during this Christmas Season for your generosity and faithfulness to our parish! God bless you abundantly!

Reflection & Living Stewardship

Jesus whom God called "my beloved Son," is also the "servant" of whom Isaiah speaks in the first reading. We



who are baptized in Christ must follow His example and use our time and resources in the service of God and neighbor.

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who answer their baptismal call to **belong more deeply** by placing their gifts and resources, their very selves, at God's service not only in the Church but in the world.



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.

Charismatic Prayer Group

T.R.U.S.T.

Try Relying Upon the Savior Today

It's hard to trust when someone lets you down. But remember, Jesus is always by your side. He loves each and every one of us so much more than we can image. If you ever doubt that, just remember what he did for you on that Friday at Calvary.

Our next meeting on Monday January 14th in the Church. When God's in your life, the possibilities are endless. Call (516) 993-9672 for any prayer requests or more information.

St. Martin of Tours HOP Club

See page 11 for complete list of winners!

Letter from the Pastor

I like watching television. I am not sure if everyone would admit to that since there are those who consider the vast majority of the shows on television to be junk. There are those who call television the great American Wasteland. Certainly, my first priority in TV watching are the Jets and the Mets - I suppose they might be called the epicenter of the vast wasteland. I like the news and political talk shows and very much enjoy the history channel. My favorite show on television is Blue Bloods, a story about a Brooklyn family of Irish-American cops. I am really starting to like Nashville, which does have some characters that would be considered immoral by Catholic standards, but the stories are good and I like the music. I also enjoy Person of Interest which is pretty much about the good guys overcoming the bad guys every week. I am a fan of Chicago Fire since I always wanted to be fireman. I am sure you have your favorite shows.

The other night I watched Law and Order: Special Victims Unit on NBC. It was their Christmas show and the story began with all the detectives at a Christmas party so I expected a "feel good story." By the end the show, I was really angry. This show focused on the issue of the clergy sexual abuse in the Catholic Church. This issue is a most serious one, and I continue to be haunted by the suffering and pain that some priests have caused to innocent victims. I also blush in shame at the cover-ups that were carried on the Church to protect its reputation. My problem was not the story itself, but how incredibly one-sided it was against priests and the Church. In one scene, a priest broke the seal of confession as casually as you and I would speak about the weather. I can tell you that stories of priests, even the most corrupt and sinful, have almost never broken the sacred confidentiality of the sacrament. It is virtually unheard of. The writers of the show clearly saw the seal of confession as an obstacle to the prevention of sexual abuse. I am sure they would not see the attorney-client privilege of attorneys in the same way, nor would they see the doctor-patient relationship as one that should be examined. The priests on the show were all men who did serious misdeeds; the show ended with one of the clergy abusers being killed after saying Christmas Eve Mass! I am almost surprised that they did not find the time to defame the Pope. I have no doubt the writers and producers of the show have a strong bias against the Catholic faith. I do not want to ban such shows since I deeply value our freedom of speech, but I am not sure if I will ever watch this show again. I have a challenge since the same person, Dick Wolf, is the creator of this series as well as Chicago Fire, one of favorites.

But there is hope. Last night, I watched the Christmas show of Blue Bloods. The story revolved around the son of Danny Reagan, a detective and member of the Reagan family a family that also has the present and past police commissioners in it, a rookie cop, and a Assistant District Attorney. Sean, Danny's son, is in a serious bicycle accident that leaves him in a coma that is both life threatening and with the possibility of potential brain damage. The family are around Danny and his wife Linda in the hospital. Meanwhile, the Police Department is dealing with a serial murderer, and Danny is their best detective.

There are many scenes of prayer in the story. Frank Reagan, played by Tom Selleck, the Police Commissioner, visits the graves of his late wife and son, a son who was a police officer killed in the line of duty. Frank asks for their intercession for the healing of his grandson. Danny, the father of the injured boy, wonders if he still believes in God. He tells his sister that he goes to Mass, prays the prayers, went to Catholic school, but he really wonders if he has any faith. She has tells him that he has faith, but it is buried under all the horrible crimes and violence he has seen in his work. In what I found to be a very touching and realistic scene, Danny prays over his son to his brother Joe, the office killed in the line of duty, and asks for help. Maybe it is a bit too Hollywood for some, but Sean wakes up the next morning, ask for his Mom and Dad, and is on the road to recovery. The director and producers of the show have their own view and vision of life, and it is one that clearly sees prayer, faith and God as part of it.

I write this because the media affects all of us in very profound ways. What we see on television, hear is music, read in novels, and watch in movies is neither all good or all bad. Some of it is great creative work that uplifts the human spirit, some entertainment that makes us laugh and forget our problems for a few minutes, some of it is pure junk, and some of it contains values that are very hostile to faith, Christianity and God. It is important that we be discerning viewers. The entertainment world has great power in our world. It can inspire our hearts and souls, or sap our spirits and leave us in despair. You be the judge of what you watch.

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A Christmas Thank You

*The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face shine upon you,
And be gracious to you; The Lord lift up His countenance upon you,
And give you peace. - Numbers 6:24-26*

On behalf of Fathers Ciya, Jim and Henry, I want to express our deepest appreciation for all the many ways that you showed your love and appreciation for us throughout the Christmas Season. We received many cards and emails, some that included special Masses and prayers, that brought us great joy. We received many gifts that were thoughtfully selected, gift certificates, financial gifts, cookies, fruit, and candies, baskets, homemade specialties, special brews, and "the water of life" —Irish Whiskey! Many gifts were signed and some were not. We want you to know that we appreciate every offering that was made. We may not be able to thank you in person or with a card, or we may miss doing so, but you have made us, as you always do, feel loved, special and part of your families. All four of us feel so very blessed to be part of the family of St. Martin of Tours and are forever grateful for all your kindnesses. - Father Pat

*I thank God for you—the God I serve with a clear conscience, just as my ancestors did.
Night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers.
2 Timothy 1:3*

It is always dangerous to write *thank you's* because there is the danger of leaving someone out. I also know that people who serve the parish of St. Martin's do not seek thanks or praise; what they do is for the glory of God and for the benefit of their fellow parishioners. Still I do feel compelled to say that the Christmas season, as well as the Advent Season, was beautifully celebrated here at St. Martin's.

I thank Elena Scollo, our Director of Music, all the members of the Traditional Choir, Life Teen Band, and the Children's Choir for all they did during the Christmas season. Their music, like the angels singing over the fields of Bethlehem, truly gave glory to God. Our sacristan, Sue Mafriaci, does great work behind the scenes to make sure our services are well-prepared. Ann Hughes, assisted by Vinny Romano, decorated our church in ways that makes it feel both homey and inspirational. Many people commented to me about how great the church looked.

I want to thank Cookie, Martha and her crew who make our Christmas pageant so moving. They get *the Oscars* for best costuming of Angels, Shepherds, and Drummers. I want to thank Pat Dralus, Tom Gauck and the two other elves who helped, Linda Segretto and Pat Cannata, for decorating St. Alphonsus Hall for the coming of Santa on December 23rd at our children's party. John Brolly, a long time wannabe actor, played a great Santa as did his more humble wife, Cathy in her role as St. Anne. I thank Vic Sirianni and Jim Belmonte for making the coffee for the party. Ann Mele and Marie Osicki created and organized five faith-filled prayer services for over 1,200 children in our religious education. T.J. Hance and Pete Morici made sure the Baby was in the manger and provide our fine outdoor decorations.

Certainly our entire parish staff: the priests, deacons, office staff, outreach center, religious education, the youth center, and all the other various ministries are always at work from season to season, day in and day out, to make our parish a place of prayer, faith, and family. - Thanks to you all. Father Pat

Wedding Banns

No banns to announce.



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

This week the Pantry could use: oil, sugar, jams or jellies, pancake mix & syrup, ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, salt, beef stew, rice, tea bags, shampoo & conditioner, tooth brushes and diapers (sizes 5 & 6). As always, thank you for all you do for the less fortunate!

Food Pantry:

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

**Divorce and Beyond
Separated and Divorce Support Group**

A ten week program for those separated or going through the process of divorce. The program is designed to help men and women find encouragement as they explore the emotions and experiences often associated with separation and divorce. The group meets every Friday beginning February 8, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. at St. William the Abbot Church, 2000 Jackson Avenue, Seaford.

Cost for the ten week program is \$20. For further information and registration, please contact: Angie at 516-868-2503 or Carol at 516-432-2241.

Or e-mail us at
BeginningToday@gmail.com.



*Week of January 13-19, 2013
Altar Bread & Wine
In Loving Memory of
Robert Shackleton*

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,
Fran Pignataro, Skylar Vega, Catherine Dalessio
Leigh Murphy, Helena Mulligan, Richard Piernini
John Tortorice, 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, Sharon Shiepk
Christopher Gratton, John Mitchell*

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.**

SAINT PADRE PIO HOLY HOUR

Please join us for the Padre Pio Holy Hour on Tuesday, January 15th at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. His first and second class relics will be venerated.

***Rest in Peace***

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

***Antoinette Scarpinito, William Close
Elizabeth Perrone, Barbara Lederman
Michael P. Cineli & Maria Accardi***

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Padre Pio 7PM: January 15
- Cub Scouts Fun & Faith Day: January 17
- Reconciliation Practice 6 & 7:15PM: Jan. 23
- Reconciliation Service 11 & 1:00: January 26
- Defensive Driving Course: January 26
- Reconciliation Practice 6 & 7:15: January 30
- Reconciliation Service 11 & 1:00 February 2

FAITH FORMATION

In an effort to improve existing security during our religious education classes on Mondays, Tuesdays and Saturdays, we are in need of security/hall monitors. These monitors will observe the hallways a half hour before classes and during class times.

Monday: 4:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday: 4:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m.

Parents escorting children to their 1st and 2nd grade classes on the first floor is acceptable, but no adults will be allowed on the 2nd floor. In addition, we are also in the process of upgrading/installing security cameras.

SCHOOL PARKING LOT
FOR THE PROTECTION &
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

**12 Ryder Court
Dix Hills NY 11746**

Professional therapy, provided by NYS licensed therapists, is available to our parish and 147 other parishes. This program, under the direction of George A. Giuliani, PhD, Director/ Psychologist, 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.

You may visit his website at
<http://thecatholiccounselingcenter.com>.

TELECARE TELTHON 2013

Our annual Telethon is the weekend of January 19th and 20th from 2—10 PM Saturday and 12—10 PM Sunday. We have had a great deal of growth this year breaking 7 million homes and are looking forward to an entertaining and beneficial Telethon.



Contributors like you are a major part of our success. We cannot do this without your help! We have a number of exciting developments to announce soon and your prayerful support is greatly appreciated. Many of you have expressed kind words about our work. Your suggestions, and yes, even your critiques, make for a better ministry and outreach to our people.

On behalf of all of us at **Telecare**, we wish you a blessed, prosperous and safe New Year.



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.smtbethpage.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!**



On Monday, January 21, 2013 the Rectory Office will be closed in observance of the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. and will open on Tuesday, January 22nd at 9:00 a.m.

There is no 6:30 a.m. mass on that day, but there is a 9:00 a.m. as usually scheduled.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

The Life Teen Youth Ministry has Eucharistic Adoration with Benediction every 2nd Tuesday of the month beginning at 7:00 PM in the Church. Our next service is Tuesday, February 12th.



We fervently hope that you come and join us in prayer and adoration of our Risen Lord. The music and praise that are lifted up to Christ will bring you to a place of peace and hope. Everyone is welcome!

"It is not to remain in a golden ciborium that He comes down each day from Heaven, but to find another Heaven, the Heaven of our soul in which He takes delight."
- Saint Theresé of Lisieux

DRIVER EDUCATION CONSULTANTS Martin Z. Hirschfield, Executive Director St. Martin of Tours is hosting a 6-hour Class 1 Defensive Driving course

**Cost: \$45.00 per person
Saturday, January 26, 2013
from 8:30AM—3:00PM**

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

**REGISTRATION:
call Driver Education at (631) 360-9720
Monday-Friday 9AM to 4PM.**

**Minimum enrollment: 15 people
Maximum enrollment: 40 people**



Last year, the parish had a party that was entitled International Night. It was a fun evening. It was a kind of pot luck dinner with people bringing their favorite ethnic food. We had great Italian, German, Filipino, Vietnamese, Polish, Spanish, and Irish specialties. St. Alphonsus Hall was decorated nicely with flags and scenes from different nations. There was no charge to attend and the parish supplied the drinks. The night goes from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. This year it will be on Saturday night, February 9th.

I would ask if two or three people would be willing to step forward to lead this event. I think that the task is not too demanding. We would advertise in the bulletin, do a bit of decorating, take some reservations, and pray for the success of the evening. If a couple of friends or a group are willing to do this, it would be wonderful. Please let me know as soon as you can. Father Pat woodscsr@aol.com

Happy New Year, Book Club Members!

Our next meeting is Saturday, January 19th in St. Alphonsus Hall at 10:00 a.m. We hope you received the questions for discussion. If you have not, please email Ann Mele at ann111647@netscape.net. Any responses that you have from the questions may be written or just shared from your recall of the story. Our hope is to make everyone comfortable as they participate. Any opinions or additional questions or points that you might wish to discuss are most welcome. Refreshments will be served, especially hot coffee. Again we enthusiastically look forward to meeting and hearing everyone's thoughts on the book, Faith by Jennifer Haigh. Till we meet again...Happy Reading!



Father Pat Woods

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ING GENEROSITY FOR THE MOTHERS FAC-
ING A CRISIS PREGNANCIES AND THE BA-
BIES THEY CARRY. BABY BOTTLES KEEP
COMING IN TO THE LIFE CENTER AND WE
ARE HONORED TO REPORT THAT THE
NEW TOTAL FOR THE BABYBOTTLE CAM-
PAIGN FOR OCTOBER 2012 NOW TOTALS:
\$11,226.00. GOD BLESS YOU, AND A HAP-
PY NEW YEAR TO EACH AND EVERY ONE.

DIANA MIRANDO, LIFE CENTER VOLUNTEER

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

*"During this Year of Faith, let us
resolve to redouble our efforts to ad-
vocate for the unborn and to defend
the rights of private employers and
churches to reflect profound respect
for human life in their hiring prac-
tices and insurance benefits programs. May the
voice of faith and reason cry out in defence of hu-
man life!"*



- Archbishop William E. Lori

40th Annual March for Life
Friday, January 25, 2013, Washington, DC

Diocese of Rockville Centre and March Events:

11:45 am Diocesan gathering on national mall at
Madison Drive & 7th St.

12 noon Rally and March

1:30 - 3:30 prayer service at St. Joseph's on
Capitol Hill, 313 2nd Street NE

Transportation to March for Life in Washington DC
Note: buses depart many points in Nassau and Suf-
folk for this one day trip. All are welcome!

For further information contact the Respect Life Of-
fice at 516-678-5800 x 626 or the Long Island Coa-
lition for Life 631-243-1435. Come join us!

FACE THE TRUTH

On Sunday, January 20th from 1:30 - 3:00 pm, The Long Island Coalition for Life's annual Roe v. Wade memorial anniversary event, Face the Truth, will take place in front of the Nassau University Medical Center, 2001 Hempstead turnpike (Route 24), East Meadow. All are welcome to join and defend life in this pro-life event: a silent, public witness against the tragedy of abortion. Signs provided. For information call 631-243-1435.


Central Nassau Guidance & Counseling Services Inc.

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Helping You Recover From the Hurricane: Project HOPE

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- Community Networking & Support
- Resource Linkage
- Assessment
- Referral

We are here for you and we will be in your community for the next year. We are available and are eager to assist our neighbors in any way possible to ease the burden left behind by Hurricane Sandy.

St. Joseph Renewal Center Schedule of Retreats and Presentations
Weekend of January 19 – 20, 2013 at 9 am

Saturday to Sunday after lunch

Men & Women's Overnight Retreat "Anger and Forgiveness"/Presenters: Jean Lynch, MS and Josephine Daspro, CSJ, D. Min./Offering: \$85.00 includes accommodations

Weekend of February 1 – 3, 2013 – Friday 4 pm – Sunday after lunch/Men & Women's Spirituality Retreat "Our One Great Act of Fidelity"/(Interfaith Christian Retreat)/Presenters: Doreen Beitter, Owen & Helen Farley, Josephine Daspro, CSJ/Offering: \$180.00 includes accommodations

All programs are held at St. Joseph Renewal Center, 1725 Brentwood Road, Brentwood, NY 11717 – or call for reservations 631-273-1187 x 123.

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE
155 W. Roe Blvd, Patchogue NY 11772

The Institute for the Study of Religion in Community Life of St. Joseph's College series on *Vatican II Revisited: Perspectives from Fifty Years Later* continues on Thursday, January 31st at 7:30 p.m. in the McGann Conference Room on the Patchogue campus. Msgr. John Strykowski, S.T.D., Rector of the Cathedral Basilica of St. James, will be speaking on *Vatican II: Is It Finished?* No R.S.V.P. is required. This talk is free and open to the public. For further information, contact the Institute for the Study of Religion in Community Life at (631) 687-2689.

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Catching up on the H.O.P. Club

Congratulations to the following winners:

Dec. 31 #9	Lorraine Birnbach	\$25.00
Jan. 1 #325	Diane & Bruce Conlin	\$25.00
Jan. 2 #201	Dorothy C. DeStefano	\$25.00
Jan. 3 #599	Anita Behrmann	\$25.00
Jan. 4 #98	Tom & Kristine Rubertson	\$50.00
Jan. 7 #566	Kathleen Speelman	\$25.00
Jan. 8 #638	M/M Joseph Romuno	\$25.00
Jan. 9 #150	Mildred Kestler	\$25.00
Jan. 10 #183	Charles & Dorothy Lotten	\$25.00
Jan. 11 #40	Adele T. Yack	\$50.00

St. Brigid's Day Celebration in Irish Gaelic

On Saturday, February 2, from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., the Irish Language & Gaelic Culture classes of the Irish Studies Institute at Molloy College will kick off their spring term by celebrating the ancient feast of St. Brigid with song, story, and poetry in Irish. The celebration will take place in Molloy College's Wilbur Arts Building on the north side of the college's campus in Rockville Centre.

All interested in the Irish Language and Gaelic culture are invited to attend, participate, and enjoy this community event. Admission is free.

Refreshments will be served. If you'd like to take part with a song, short tale, or poem in Irish, email Jerry Kelly at jerrykelly@att.net or call him at (516) 804-2968 (evenings).