

Masses For The Week**Monday - February 4**

6:30 Stanley & Joseph Drobig
9:00 Andrew & Adeline Zator

Tuesday - February 5

6:30 In Thanksgiving to St. Lucy
Our Lady of Victory & St. Anthony
9:00 Anthony Bevilacqua

Wednesday - February 6

6:30 Catherine & Silvio Sita
9:00 Edith Filippelli

Thursday - February 7

6:30 Malachy Corrigan
9:00 Josie Sayers, Anniversary

Friday - February 8

6:30
9:00 The Mayo Family

Saturday - February 9

9:00 **Multiple Intentions Announced**
5:00 Peter Kilkenny
7:00 Dean Hastings

Sunday - February 10

7:00 The People of the Parish
8:30 Domenico & Antonina Palmeri
10:00 Louis Mosca
11:30 Dr. Santiago Granada, Jr.
1:00 Camille Baranello, Anniversary
5:30 Marie T. Moran, 1st Anniversary

Readings For The Week

Mon. Hebrews 11:32-40; Mark 5:1-20
Tues. Hebrews 12:1-4; Mark 5:21-43
Wed. Hebrews 12:4-7, 11-15; Mark 6:1-6
Thurs. Hebrews 12:18-19, 21-24; Mark 6:7-13
Fri. Hebrews 13:1-8; Mark 6:14-29
Sat. Hebrews 13:15-17, 20-21; Mark 6:30-34
Sun. **Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8** *Isaiah received a call from the Lord. With a burning coal his lips were cleansed and his sin removed. When the Lord asked for a messenger, Isaiah replied, "Here I am, send me!"*

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 *Paul urged everyone to remain faithful to the gospel he preached, namely, that Christ died for sin and rose again. This "least of the apostles" received the Lord's blessing.*

Luke 5:1-11 *Jesus boarded Simon Peter's boat and told him to cast his net for a catch. Simon and his friends caught enough to fill two boats. When Jesus invited them to become fishers of men, they left all to follow him.*

***Divine Mercy Novena***

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

Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift**Last Week January 26-27 Collection**

Amount Budgeted: \$17,500.00

Amount Received: \$16,744.69

Thank you for your generosity & support!

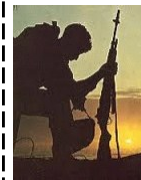
Reflection & Living Stewardship

Jeremiah declares that the Lord knew him before he was born and dedicated and appointed him to his role as prophet even before he drew breath.

We, too, are known and sent by the Lord. What deeds of love and service are mine to perform?



We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who seek to discover their role in this world by learning who God created them to be through prayer, gift discovery or other awareness tool.



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

Some dreams are God's whispers in your ear. Without dreams, we wouldn't have cars, airplanes, computers, cell phones or miracle cancer drugs. They all started out as someone's dream. So dream big!! You never know where they'll lead you to.



Our next meeting on Monday, February 4th 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

Jan. 28	#497	The Brolly Family	\$25.00
Jan. 29	#179	Ellen & John Gulli	\$25.00
Jan. 30	#368	Joanne Reeves	\$25.00
Jan. 31	#489	Alice DeBrino	\$25.00
Feb. 1	#652	Josephine Curry	\$50.00

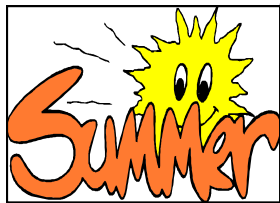
Letter from the Pastor

Our parish has just about put away our last angel decoration and we are already talking about getting the ashes ready for Ash Wednesday on February 13th, only a few weeks away. Easter falls early this year on March 31st. Our parish Spirituality Committee who prepared our beautiful Advent evenings of prayer, have been meeting regularly to prepare what I think is an excellent Lenten Program for the parish. In addition to the Lenten Mission which will be given by Fathers James Wallace CSSR and Kevin O'Neil CSSR from March 9th through 13th, we are inviting parishioners to prayerfully enter into reflection on the Sunday Gospels of Lent. This may already be something that you do regularly, but we will provide a structured way for you to connect the Word of God to our lives in a way that I think will be a blessing to all who participate in this spiritual journey. This letter is kind of a coming attraction of that.

On the Sunday before Ash Wednesday, we will be distributing Lenten booklets to you. These booklets will contain the Sunday Gospels for the upcoming Lenten season. Certainly, all the readings at Mass are very important, but for reasons of space, we decided to focus on the Gospels. Accompanying the Gospels will be couple of questions that have been prepared that invite the reader to enter more deeply into the Gospel. We are asking that everyone, as part of their Lenten resolution, read the upcoming Sunday Gospel the upcoming Sunday that it will be proclaimed. After you read it, you are invited to reflect on the questions. After a day or so, you might share the same Gospel and the questions with your family or friends. I think this is a great one to break open the Gospel with others. There are no right or wrong answers. You do not have to be a scripture scholar or a spiritual giant. You simply say what is in your heart and mind about what you have read. This whole process could take about thirty minutes, or even less. We share so much with the people we love: food, family news, events of the day, television, sports and so much else. Why not speak for a few minutes about our Lord?

The parish will also hold a weekly sessions, where people can come and share on the Gospel with other parishioners. Again, this process might take about 45 minutes. It is simply the opportunity to reflect on the word of God with other people who are seeking to know and follow our Lord Jesus Christ. I believe this program could touch a five year old as well as a someone who is 95. It is really for everyone. Certainly, everyone can read the Gospel alone. We do hope many will also share it with their family or friends, and that others will share it with parishioners.

I think this is an excellent Lenten program. It is even better than giving up chocolate, television, beer, or the internet! I think it would make your Sunday Mass a richer experience since you would have already pondered the Gospel that you hear proclaimed., and it will draw you closer to our Lord and to your family and parishioners. I hope you will participate in this spiritual journey of Lent.



BIBLE Camp

There will be a meeting to discuss a possible week long Summer Bible Camp at St. Martin's for this coming summer. The meeting will be on February 6th at 7:15 p.m. at the rectory. If you are interested in assisting in the planning of the program, you are most welcome to attend.

LONG ISLAND CATHOLIC MAGAZINE

This is a reminder to please mail in your \$30 subscription to the Long Island Catholic Magazine, P.O. Box 9000, Roosevelt NY 11575 at your earliest convenience.



Or you can subscribe online at LICatholic@drvc.org.

Valentine Gathering

After the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, February 10th, we will have a little Valentine gift for the children with cupcakes and juice in St. Alphonsus Hall. Parents are welcome to bring some goodies for the gathering.



The Catholic Tour

The Catholic Tour is a 33 year old Catholic Pilgrimage Apostolate and is pleased to announce a Pilgrimage following the Footsteps of Pope Benedict XVI in Germany. Pilgrimage will include airfare from gateway city New York/Newark, superior tourist class hotel, most meals, fuel surcharges, taxes, motor coach, full time escort and much more. Cities visited are Munich, Marktl, Altotting, Aschau with optional visits to Regensburg, Freising, Oberammergau and Salzburg, Austria.

Please call The Catholic Tour at 1-877-627-4268 toll free for prices, itinerary, reservations and to answer any questions you may have. You may email jimadair@thecatholictour.com. We look forward to serving you!

Wedding Banns

2nd *Brian Howe and Katianna Brosnan*
 1st *Edward Acerra and Jennifer Wagner*

Banns Only (Marriage at another Church)

1st *Richard DiDonato and Marie Massaro*



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

This week the Pantry could use white rice, macaroni & cheese, mayonnaise, mustard, ketchup, peanut butter, pasta sauce, canned Chef Boyardee pastas, canned chicken, black beans, chick peas, cannelloni beans, chili, beef stew, bar soap, dish soap, laundry soap, diapers sizes 5 & 6, and paper towels. Thank you for your tremendous generosity to the less fortunate.

Food Pantry:

208 Broadway, Bethpage
 Monday: 9:30AM - 2:30PM
 Thursday: 2:00PM - 7:00PM

Phone: (516) 931-7332

Please pray for the sick of our parish:

Reminder: please call the rectory at 931-0818 to remove a name off the list.

*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, Salvatore Accardi
 Christina Martuge, Barbara Mangiamiele, Marie Bosco
 Peggy Namiotka, Pat Cannata, Barbara Thompson
 Teresa Moran Theissen, Donna Pellicano*

Father Ciya has gone home to India this week for a month's vacation. He has been here a year and we are very blessed by his ministry among us. Naturally, he is eager to see his parents and all his family and friends.



We wish him a most happy and well-deserved vacation and look forward to his return to us in March. God be with you.

Divorce and Beyond Separated and Divorce Support Group

This is 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.

Holy Face Holy Hour



Please come and experience this devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus, our Savior and Redeemer.

Prayer begins at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, February 4th in the Eucharistic Chapel in reparation for blasphemy and the wounds to His Holy Face. All will be blessed with special relics.

Rest in Peace

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

*Walter "Red" Conry, Christina Martuge
 Carol Sue Lodigkeit-Masching, Paul J. Vero*

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Feb. 5: Christian Mothers Gen'l Mtg 7:30 p.m.
- Feb. 6: Summer Bible Camp Planning Meeting
- Feb. 9: International Night Supper 8:00 p.m.
- Feb. 13: Ash Wednesday
- Feb. 22: Blessed Seelos Performance 7:00 p.m.
- Feb. 27: Parish Soup Supper
- Mar. 9-13: PARISH LENTEN MISSION

CHRISTIAN MOTHER ROSARY CONFRATERNITY

Our General Meeting is Tuesday, February 5th at 7:30 p.m. in St. Alphonsus Hall. We will be saying the rosary promptly at 7:30 followed by a guest speaker. Our speaker is the president of St. Martin of Tours Parish Council, Ed Indelicato. **This meeting is open to all parishioners—men and women.**

Ed will be presenting a very informational talk about the workings of the council. Refreshments will be served.

If you have not paid your dues, you may do so at the meeting. We hope to see you then.

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>.

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.**

2013 St. John Neumann Essay Contest

As a young man, St. John Neumann wanted to be a priest but there were too many priests in his home country! He became a missionary to America, and was the first Redemptorist to profess vows in the United States. Today, the need for priests and for religious brothers and sisters is great. God is still calling people, but there are obstacles to answering that invitation.

This year's Neumann Essay topic is: **What are some of the obstacles to pursuing a religious or priestly vocation that young men and women face today, and how can they be encouraged to answer God's call?**

Contest is open to Catholic school students in grades 6-12. First place winners in each category will receive a \$300 scholarship; two honorable mentions in each category will receive \$100

Entries must be received by **March 1, 2013**. Winners will be announced on March 28, 2013. For details and contest guidelines, visit redemptorists.net.



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!**

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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

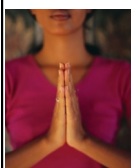


The Life Teen Youth Ministry has Eucharistic Adoration with Benediction every 2nd Tuesday of the month beginning at 7:00 PM in the Church. Our next service is Tuesday, February 12th. We fervently hope that you come and join us in prayer and adoration of our Risen Lord. The music and praise that are lifted 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 Thérèse of Lisieux

MEDITATION AND PRAYER

After the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Saturday, February 9th, we will have a guided meditation in the Church led by the staff at *Totally Fit Fitness*. This is the third time we have done



this and the first two times were very well received by those who participated. It is a prayerful and relaxing experience of being in the presence of God and yourself.

We are offering this on a Saturday since many of those who might like to attend are working during the week.

COMING IN MARCH

Please mark your calendar for the **ST. MARTIN OF TOURS PARISH LENTEN MISSION** planned for **March 9th through March 13th**. The Mission will be led by Redemptorist Fathers Kevin O'Neil and James Wallace.

SAVE THE DATE
SECOND ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL NIGHT
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2013—8:00 p.m.
ST. ALPHONSUS HALL

GREAT FOOD AND FUN!

Plan your menu: Irish Soda Bread, Lasagna, Tacos, German Potato Salad, Polish Sausage, Spanish Paella, Indian Curry (made by Father Ciya), British Fish 'n' chips, Vietnamese Goi cuon (summer roll), French Fries, Belgium Waffles, Potato and Cheese Pierogi, Tapa, and International Beers as selected by the famous connoisseur of great lagers, Father Pat! A wide selection of chocolate donuts from every nation will be served.



No charge--- Just prepare and bring your favorite food. Wear your ethnic clothes if you wish. Sing an international song or do a flaming flamingo or talented tango!



If you plan on attending this festive event, please contact Laura Leigh Agnese by email at llagnese@smtbethpage.org. She has a team of people who are coordinating the event and we would like to keep track of what foods people are bringing and how many tables are needed. If you do not have email, you can leave your name and number at the rectory.



HARTIGAN KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #5033
HARTIGAN CATHOLIC WAR VETERAN'S POST #1938

SUPER BOWL SUNDAY XLVII

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2013

KICK OFF 6:30 P.M. — DOORS OPEN: 4:00 P.M.



WHO WILL IT BE? RAVENS VS 49ERS OR PATRIOTS VS FALCONS

- **ADMISSION CHARGE: \$10 PER PERSON (INCLUDES YOUR SEAT, FOOD AND MUNCHIES OF ALL KINDS).**
- **HEROS AND SALADS, WINGS AND SUCH! ALL BEER AND BEVERAGES AT LOW MEMBER PRICES.**

"YOUR HOST WITH THE MOST" - BARTENDER EXTRAORDINAIRE VINNIE ROMANO (516) 404-2531
SEE VINNIE AND LET HIM KNOW YOU ARE COMING. 10 BUCKS IN HAND WILL SAVE YOU A SPOT!

FOR HELP IN A CRISIS PREGNANCY

Call Diana Mirando
(C)830-5077 (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.

**World Day for Consecrated Life, Sunday
February 3, 2013**

Today we rejoice and celebrate World Day for Consecrated Life. Over the years, many men and women have chosen to live out their Baptismal vocation by professing the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity, and obedience. They do this by joining a religious congregation, or some other form of consecrated life. We pray in a special way for the religious who live and serve in the Diocese of Rockville Centre, for all those in consecrated life and we ask God to bless our Church with others who will dedicate their lives to God's service.

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

FROM THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, BILL OF RIGHTS, AMENDMENT ONE:

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof, or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press, or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

FROM THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE, JULY 4, 1776.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

Hundreds of thousands of people traveled to Washington, D.C. on January 25th, the 40th Anniversary of Roe v Wade that made abortion legal in the United States. May their voices and their presence be remembered as we go forward this year on the issues of abortion, the HHS Mandate and the Reproductive Health Act, legislature that is trying to be passed right here in New York. Keep in contact with your local representatives and write, email or call your senators about your feelings on these important matters.

A PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY

O Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy, at this most critical time, we entrust the United States of America to your loving care.



Most Holy Mother, we beg you to reclaim this land for the glory of your Son. Overwhelmed with the burden of the problems we face in our nation, we cry to you from the depths of our hearts and seek refuge in your motherly protection.

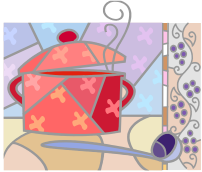
Look down upon us and touch the hearts of our people. Open our minds to the great worth of human life and to the responsibilities that accompany human freedom.

Free us from the falsehoods that lead to the evil of abortion and threaten the sanctity of family life. Grant our country the wisdom to proclaim that God's law is the foundation on which this nation was founded.

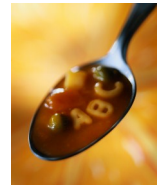
O Merciful Mother, give us the courage to reject the culture of death and the strength to build a new Culture of Life. Amen.

**Sharing a meal warms the heart and the stomach.
Warming the heart stirs the soul.**

IT'S THAT TIME!
ANNUAL LENTEN SOUP SUPPER



WHEN: February 27, 2013
WHERE: School Cafeteria
TIME: 6PM - 8PM



WE HAVE THE SOUP MAKERS! WE HAVE THE SPIRIT!
BELONG MORE DEEPLY...BRING AN OLD FRIEND, A NEW
FRIEND AND SHARE THE SPIRIT!
WE NEED SOUP SAMPLERS! WE NEED YOU!



The Hartigan Knights of Columbus
and Catholic War Veterans
Saint Valentine's Party



Friday Night, February 8, 2013
From 8:00 - 12 Midnight
RESERVATIONS A MUST!!!

Music by DJ Tim - Door Prizes

Menu Choices:

Prime Ribs, Chicken Condon Bleu, OR Fresh Salmon

Includes Tap Beer, Wine & Soda

Donation is \$40.00 per person

Contact Ray Haller at 516-790-4991 or Kevin Zaremba at 516-790-4992

Lenten Home Masses

During the season of Lent, from February 13th through March 27th we want to offer our parishioners who are shut-ins and unable to attend Mass for reasons of health, the opportunity to have Mass in their apartment or home. One of the priests from our parish would come and say Mass, either during the day or in the evening. You would be most welcome to invite family, friends or neighbors. We would rule out Saturdays and Sundays since the priests have several Mass commitments already.

You do not have to fuss and clean your home. You do not have to prepare food. You do not have to have anything for the Mass other than a table or television food tray. The priest will bring all else that is needed. The goal is to simply allow a person who cannot attend Mass at the parish to have the opportunity of having Mass in the home.

If you would like to have such a Mass, or if you are a Eucharistic home visitor or family member who might wish this for someone, please contact me at woodscssr@aol.com or 931-0818. - Father Pat

BLESSED SEELOS COMES TO ST. MARTIN OF TOURS!

Performer Casey Groves will be coming to St. Martin of Tours on **Friday, February 22nd** to do a reenactment of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, CSSR. He will be performing a 1 1/2 hour play **in our church beginning at 7:00 p.m.**



To get a glimpse of Mr. Groves in action, go to **You Tube** and type in *Casey Groves Blessed Seelos Mending Brokenness*.

So here's a chance to "get to know" Blessed Seelos and make a better connection to his statue that we have on our campus.

TABOR RETREAT CENTER, OCEANSIDE UPCOMING EVENTS

Sacred Self-Awareness Games

February 8th-9th 7:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Find your spirituality through play! Let the wisdom of your body lead you to your soul. We will explore play, dance, drawing, writing and the use of imagination, meditation and sharing to access our deepest insights. Presenter: Meredith Zelman Narissi, MS, RPP. Donation: \$145 overnight, \$110 commuter. Please call 516.536.3004 for further details.

Celebrating the Ordinary

February 15th-16th 7:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Do you believe that being ordinary is extraordinary? Using the book by Robert Wicks, we will discuss how to be comfortable with who we are and to touch the holy in the process. Presenter: Kathy McLean. Donation: \$145 overnight, \$110 commuter.

Please call 516.536.3004 for further details.

Long Island/Metro Retrouvaille A lifeline for married couples 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, February 8th 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.

Father Small: “The Just Live by Faith”



Redemptorist missionary, Reverend James Thomas Small died on January 28, 2013 at Saint John Neumann Residence in Timonium, Maryland after succumbing to an extended battle with cancer. He received the Anointing of the Sick while surrounded by the prayers of his religious brothers before returning peacefully to the House of the Lord.

On Friday, February 1, the viewing will begin at 6:30 PM with a 7:00 PM wake service at Our Mother of Perpetual Help Church in Ephrata, Pennsylvania. A Mass of Christian Burial will be concelebrated at 11:00 AM on Saturday, February 2 followed by interment at the Redemptorist Cemetery. Father Small was born on June 8, 1927 in Boston, Massachusetts, professed his first vows as a Redemptorist on August 2, 1949, ordained on June 20, 1954 and died on January 28, 2013.

He attended high school at St. Mary's College, the Redemptorist Preparatory Seminary, in North East, Pennsylvania. When he finished his novitiate year in Ilchester, Maryland, he went on to complete his theological studies at Mount St. Alphonsus, the Major Seminary in Esopus, New York, where he was ordained.

For nearly all of the first 30 years of his priesthood—1956 to 1985—he served generously and diligently on the foreign missions in Brazil. In cities, towns and remote country villages he preached the word of God in Portuguese and administered the sacraments of the Church to the faithful. His apostolic work brought him to Aquidauana, Ponta Pora, Campo Grande, Parana-gua, Curitiba, Santo Antonio, and Telemaco Borba. In addition to his parochial ministries in South America, he served tirelessly in administrative positions as well. Father Small was Vicar to the first-ever *elected* Vice-Provincial. In this important post he assisted in forging the Constitutions and Statutes for the then Vice-Province of Campo Grande as well as implementing the significant decrees and liturgical reforms brought about by Vatican Council II. Then he served as the Superior of the Redemptorist Seminary in Ponte Grossa.

“If I’m not mistaken, Father Jim and Father Bill were the only brothers ever stationed in Brazil at the same time,” reports his contemporary, Father John Devin. “Ordinarily whenever there were two priests from the same family, if one served in South America, the other would be stationed in the Caribbean or Puerto Rico. But the Small brothers, Bill and Jim, whom we affectionately referred to as ‘Prudence and Justice’ were the exception that proved the rule.”

“The life and work in Brazil was tough,” Devin confirms. “But all you had to do was give Father Jim a project or a cause and he would be out there doing it with vigor and tenacity.” “He was certainly dedicated,” agrees fellow missionary Father Frank O’Rourke who also served with him. “During the dog days of sweltering heat that drove most people indoors looking for any possible shade, Father Jim would be outside practicing with the school band, making sure they were marching in precision formation—and he was marching right there with them.”

In 1985, Father Small returned to the United States to continue his priestly service in Redemptorist parishes in Boston, Brooklyn, **and for 14 years in Bethpage, Long Island.** Then, with the exception of one year for preaching retreats in Esopus, he was transferred to Pennsylvania where he served in Lancaster and Ephrata for 12 years until failing health brought him to the Neumann Residence.

“He was a very prayerful and very courteous confrere,” declares his twice superior, Father Patrick McGarrity. “When he preached, he would include very interesting and pleasant stories that charmed the congregation. He was a sought-after confessor and people were drawn to him because he was always so helpful. In our community room in Ephrata there are intricate jigsaw puzzles that Father Jim completed and framed. Most thought this was merely a hobby for him but I know that he deliberately used such techniques to keep his mind engaged and his powers of observation sharp. Whenever anyone did the slightest kindness for him, he was very appreciative and deeply grateful.”

“He was a hard worker, sincere, dedicated and industrious,” attests his classmate, Father Thomas Hickey. “And always upbeat, even during these final times of his illness,” asserts his confrere, Father Frank Sullivan. “He was a model of acceptance and peace during this last mile of his life. He always told it like it was. Maybe that’s what earned him the nickname: not only speaking the truth plainly but also professing the faith that upholds lives lived in true justice.”

*May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*



Liturgical Ministry Training

TRAINING FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: required for all those who are beginning as Ministers. Session "A" is required of **all** Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Those who minister in hospitals, nursing homes and to homebound persons are also required to attend Session "B". Please write a letter to Father Pat expressing your desire to become an EM.

TO REGISTER FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER TRAINING: the pastor of the parish must send a letter to Bishop Murphy **at least 10 days in advance** requesting the training for each person attending. **This letter must mention the date and location of the session the person will attend.**

TIMES AND PLACES FOR MINISTRY TRAINING:

In Nassau:

EM "A" Session

April 6, 2013; 9 AM—1 PM

Kellenberg Memorial High School, Uniondale

"B" session for Extraordinary Ministers

April 27, 2013; 9 AM—1 PM

Kellenberg Memorial High School, Uniondale

In Suffolk:

EM "A" Session

April 13, 2013; 9 AM—1 PM

McGann Mercy High School, Riverhead

"B" Session for Extraordinary Ministers

May 18, 2013; 9 AM—1 PM

McGann Mercy High School, Riverhead

EVENING SESSIONS for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at St. Elizabeth, Melville.

Session "A" - Wednesday, April 10, 2013; 7:30—10 PM

Session "B" - Wednesday, April 17, 2013; 7:30—10PM

WORKSHOP FEES:

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: \$30 per person (fee paid by St. Martin's)

Stations of the Cross—LENT 2013

We will have stations of the cross **every Friday in the Church at 7:30 p.m.** on the following dates:

February 15

February 22

March 1

March 8

March 15

March 22

If any of our altar servers would like to assist the priest or deacon assigned, please email gennysmt@hotmail.com with the date you would like to serve. Only one server needed at each service. Thank you!

Irish Night Dance

The Dominican Sisters of Amityville will be hosting their annual Irish Night Dance for the benefit of their senior sisters on **Saturday, March 2, 2013 at St. Brigid's School, Westbury.** The evening will begin with a Mass for **"Peace in the World"** at 7PM followed by a truly Grand Irish Celebration including Step Dancers, Bag Pipers and music by the "Celtic Connection Band" at 8PM. Back by popular demand is a traditional hot Irish dinner.

For more information or to purchase tickets for this fun evening (\$40 per person), please call the Dominican Sisters Development Office at (631) 842-6000 x238 or contact Sr. Patricia Koehler, O.P., Irish Night Chairperson for ticket information pkoehler@aol.com.



Little Gospel Lights Preschool Annual Auction

Saturday, March 9th at 7:00 PM

**Saint Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church
449 Stewart Avenue, Bethpage NY 11714**

\$20 per person

**Includes Hors d'oeuvres, salad, soda, dessert, coffee
and 25 tickets for raffle prizes**

Additional tickets, 50/50 tickets and grand prize tickets available at the door.

For tickets or more information, please contact

Cheryl Hydo, Preschool Director at 516-933-4446

**Prizes include: gift cards, tickets to movies, museums
amusement parks, themed baskets and more!**

GRAND PRIZES include four One-Day Park Hopper passes to Disney!



This is Saint Paul's largest event of the year and their primary fundraiser to help support programs in the preschool including tuition assistance for those families who are struggling during the school year. Please support them if you can!

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