

Masses For The Week

Monday - February 11

6:30 Sadie Della Croce
9:00 Gene Sattler

Tuesday - February 12

6:30 Rose & Jack DiCarlo
9:00 Steve & Regina Zator

Wednesday - February 13—Ash Wednesday

6:30 Dorothy Gore
9:00 Badolato, Puccio & Montuoro Families
Services Only: 12 Noon, 4PM & 6PM
7PM Christopher Profita

Thursday - February 14

6:30 Madeline T. Stein
9:00 Jane Abbatiello

Friday - February 15

6:30
9:00 Anton J. Lomnitzer

Saturday - February 16

9:00 **Multiple Intentions Announced**
5:00 Richard & Nancy Aull
7:00 William Csajko

Sunday - February 17

7:00 The People of the Parish
8:30 Mary-Gwen Imbornoni
10:00 Jean Portelli
11:30 Loretta Kennedy
1:00 Annette & Pat Stramandinolo
5:30 Tom Mitchell & Joseph Hughes

Readings For The Week

Mon. Genesis 1:1-19; Mark 6:53-56
Tues. Genesis 1:20-2:4a; Mark 7:1-13
Ash Wed. Joel 2:12-18; 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18
Thurs. Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Luke 9:22-25
Fri. Isaiah 58:1-9a; Matthew 9:14-15
Sat. Isaiah 58:9b-14; Luke 5:27-32
Sun. **Deuteronomy 26:4-10** *Moses told the story of the Israelites: The Lord God led them from bondage to freedom. This story should always be recalled before offering gifts to God. The people of God can rejoice over the many good things the Lord has given them.*

Romans 10:8-13 *God's word is on your lips and in your heart. If you proclaim with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe it in your heart, you will be saved. "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."*

Luke 4:1-13 *Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days. There he ate nothing and was tempted by the devil. Afterward, the devil left him to await another opportunity.*

Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift

Last Week February 2/3 Collection

Amount Budgeted: \$17,500.00
Amount Received: \$16,496.06

Thank you for your generosity & support!

Reflection & Living Stewardship

In today's readings, both Isaiah and Peter hear the call of God and feel themselves unworthy. But, reassured by the Lord, both answer and follow.



Do I hear the Lord asking, "Whom shall I send?" Am I prepared to answer, "Here I am. Send me!"?

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who respond to God's generosity in their own lives by being generous to the poor, feeding the hungry and consoling the sorrowful, both within our parish and outward to the wider community.



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



When life gets tough and you think you just can't stand it anymore - **KNEEL!** God always answers "knee-mail!"

Our next meeting is Monday, February 11th 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

Feb. 4	#301	Eleanor Shaw	\$25.00
Feb. 5	#361	Joan Connor	\$25.00
Feb. 6	#406	Jeanne Sokolski	\$25.00
Feb. 7	#404	Patricia Wessler	\$25.00
Feb. 8	#18	Keri Zuaro	\$50.00



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

Letter from the Pastor

I have had the experience on Ash Wednesday of giving out Holy Communion at Mass, when a person looks at me in great surprise and says, "I don't want the host; I want ashes!" One of the busiest days in Catholic churches is Ash Wednesday. I have heard different theories about why people want to receive ashes. Some would say that is a ritual that they have followed for years and they believe they should keep doing it. For some, it seems more important than attending Sunday Mass or praying. I think there are some of us who like the witness of the ashes on our foreheads. It marks us as a Catholic and we are not ashamed to show it. I have heard the cynics say that some people are *A and P Catholics* - they only come for ashes and palms. I do think some people can at times border on being almost superstitious about ashes - "something bad will happen to me if I don't get my ashes." I know there are those who time their visit to the Church so they can skip the prayers and get to the main event — receiving the ashes. I also find that there are people who want to bring home ashes for their family members who are unable to get to church. There are many who receive ashes because they are one of the most powerful symbols of our church and it moves them to serious reflection.

Who knows? Although some of the above reasons are wonderful and others might be somewhat off target, none of them bother me. I am happy so many people want to receive ashes. I think almost everyone who receives ashes, whether a daily communicant or a once-a-year Mass Catholic, find the moment of receiving the ashes to be a moving moment. Maybe it is only for a moment, but for that moment, as they receive their ashes, they are reminded of their humanity, the shortness of life, their need for repentance. I think they are led to think about God and their relationship to him. This is a grace.

Many Catholics do make a serious effort to deepen their spiritual practices during the season of Lent as we prepare for Easter. Naturally, we should be seeking to love God more deeply all year long, but there is something special about the time of grace that touches us with the desire to respond to God's love by doing certain spiritual practices in Lent. If the forty days of Lent have passed, and we have done nothing for Lent, I think we have short changed ourselves and missed a great opportunity to grow in the love of God.

What Should we do for Lent? There are three cornerstones to Lenten practices: they are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Every Lenten practice would fall into one or more of these categories. If we can, we should consider trying to do a bit of each one during Lent

The Catholic Church asks us to do a few certain practices during Lent. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday: These are days of **Fast and Abstinence from meat**. There is a limit of one full meal on these days for all between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive.

Days of Abstinence (All Fridays in Lent): All who have reached their 14th year are bound to abstain totally from meat.

EASTER DUTY OBLIGATION:

After they have received their First Holy Communion. Catholics are bound by the obligation of receiving Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept should be fulfilled during the Easter Season. Catholics are also bound to confess serious (mortal) sins at least once a year, but this is not limited to the Lenten/Easter Season.

PRAYERS DURING LENT:

One of the best practices for Lent is to try to attend daily Mass. This is the deepest form of prayer that we have. To attend even one extra Mass a week during Lent is wonderful.

- Our parish is inviting parishioners to read the upcoming gospel for the next Sunday and to share your thoughts on the gospel with family members and parishioners. Booklets will be given out for this program.
- We will have our parish mission from March 9th-13th. This is an excellent way to enter into the season of Lent.
- Weekdays during Lent at 8:30 a.m., we will be saying the Divine Office as our morning prayer. This prayer will take about twenty minutes or so and is a wonderful way to pray with the Church.
- We will be giving out a Redemptorist booklet that contains a spiritual meditation for each day of Lent.
- You might say a daily rosary, read the Bible or another spiritual book for a few minutes, make a visit to the Blessed Sacrament or attend one of the prayer services of the parish, such as the Stations of the Cross every Friday evening at 7:30 p.m. (SEE PG 14).

ALMSGIVING DURING LENT:

Almsgiving is another word for charity to others. We know we cannot say we love God if we do not love our neighbor. Our neighbor may be our wife, our child, our mother, a friend or a stranger. Certainly donating food, as you already do so generously to the food pantry, is a great way of almsgiving. If you choose to give something up during Lent (that cost money such as chocolate or beer), you might donate the money you would have spent on these items to a good cause. Our food pantry always welcomes donations. As a reminder to those who are less fortunate, you could attend our Soup Supper on February 27th. You could volunteer for a parish ministry, or perhaps you might pick out one person that you struggle with and seek to be kind and gentle with them.

FASTING:

This category is the one we most associate with Lent. I think as many diets begin on Ash Wednesday as they do on January 2nd! The traditional fasting in Catholic terms means not eating between meals and eating less at the meals. Other fasting might be giving up something we like such as a certain food, desert, a favorite drink, the internet or television.

Another way of looking at fasting is that we might consider trying to fast from: gossip, anger, lust, pettiness, criticism, impatience and so forth. This may be tougher than resisting a chocolate donut. I think there is a tendency among some of us, if we fail in our Lenten practices for a day or two, to just give up. That is a mistake. We are not perfect, but we can always start again each day. Every day of Lent is a graced time and an opportunity to grow closer to God.

Let us pray for one another during this holy time.

Wedding Banns

3rd *Brian Howe and Katianna Brosnan*
 2nd *Edward Acerra and Jennifer Wagner*

Banns Only (Marriage at another Church)
 2nd *Richard DiDonato and Marie Massaro*



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

During the month of January, the Pantry served 776 people, 309 families. Thank you for your tremendous generosity!

This week, the Pantry is low on: baked beans, pasta and sauce, mayo, oil, beef stew, chili, tea, coffee, sugar, macaroni & cheese, jam & jelly, tooth paste, diapers (sizes 4, 5 & 6), laundry soap and bar soap.

Food Pantry:

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

Divorced, Separated and Single Catholics of Long Island Widows and Widowers
 Chair Person Rick Wilson
 Nassau County Chapter Number One
 PO Box 2031

New Member Orientation
 Non-Denomination-ALL WELCOME

Tuesday, February 26th at 8:00 PM
 St. Frances de Chantal School
 1309 Wantagh Avenue, Wantagh NY

Please bring proof of single status to join
 Refreshments are served after the meeting

For further information, please contact:
 Carol (516) 794-4922 before 9PM or
 Eileen (516) 661-4353

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, Marie Bosco
 Peggy Namiotka, Pat Cannata, Barbara Thompson
 Teresa Moran Theissen, Donna Pellicano*

2013 PSAT/SAT EXAM PREP COURSE

For the May 4th SAT Exam
 Course will be held on
 the following Saturdays:

March 2, 16 & 23

April 13, 20 & 27

9:00 - 11:30 a.m. in Marian Hall

Course Fee: \$250 includes textbook

Contact: Mrs. Stutzmann
 (516) 922-4888 x 5315

St. Dominic High School
 110 Anstice Street
 Oyster Bay NY 11771



*Week of Feb. 10-16, 2013
 Altar Bread & Wine*

*In Loving Memory of
 Michael Francis Walsh*

Rest in Peace

Acts 7:49: “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.”

*Alfred A. Sussi, Frederick Sussi
 Florence Borzell*

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Feb. 13: Ash Wednesday
- Feb. 22: Blessed Seelos Performance 7:00 p.m.
- Feb. 27: Parish Soup Supper
- Mar. 3: St. Patrick's Mass 1:00
Followed by Parade and Reception
- Mar. 9-13: PARISH LENTEN MISSION



Ash Wednesday is February 13th and the beginning of the Season of Lent. Here are some clarifications on fasting and abstinence.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of *fast and abstinence*. The **Fridays of Lent** are days of abstinence in the United States.

The **Obligation of Abstinence** (refraining from eating meat) begins at the age of 14. The law of fasting (limiting oneself to one full meal and two lighter meals) obliges all between the ages of 19-59. No one should consider this obligation lightly.

Those individuals who have a medical condition in which fasting or abstaining may be considered harmful are not obliged to fast or abstain, but should perform some other act of penance or charity.

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.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.

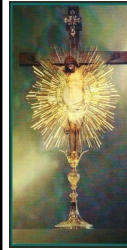


Parent Life is designed to give parents an opportunity to support their parish ministry programs while strengthening their own relationship with Christ and His Church. Parent Life meets once a month on Sundays following the 5:30pm Mass in the school building. **All parents and adults are welcome!**

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 Theresé of Lisieux

Young Adult Day Retreat – February 16

Time: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

For ages 21-39

Cost: \$40 which includes lunch

St. Ignatius Retreat House

251 Searingtown Road, Manhasset

Please call Sandy Zaremba

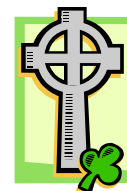
to register at (516) 621-8300.

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.



**22nd Annual Bethpage
St. Patrick's Parade
Honoring Deacon Thomas R. Hennessy
2013 Grand Marshal**



Sunday, March 3, 2013

1:00 PM Mass

2:00 PM Parade

Through downtown Bethpage

**Reception immediately following at
St. Martin of Tours School of Religion
Auditorium / Cafeteria**

(Sponsors will be acknowledged in the next bulletin)

The Spirituality of St. Valentine's Day

The origins of Valentine's Day, like the origins of love itself, are somewhat obscure — a combination of myth, history, destiny, chance and marketing. Legend has it that a certain third-century priest named Valentine persisted in performing marriage ceremonies despite a ban by the Roman emperor Claudius II (Claudius was persuaded that single men made better soldiers for his army). Thrown into jail, Valentine formed a relationship with his jailor's daughter (some say he cured her blindness) and he signed his last message to her "From your Valentine," a phrase which still gets a lot of mileage.



St. Valentine was executed on February 14, circa the year 270, and his remains (probably his, but there were two other Christian martyrs called Valentine) are now on display in the Whitefriar Street Carmelite Church in Dublin. St. Valentine's Day was on the official Church list of feast days from 496, when Pope Gelasius I established it.

So aside from the commercial aspect of the day why should St. Valentine's Day matter? It's because St. Valentine's Day is a reminder that we all have the capacity to demonstrate unbridled love. Love not just between you and God or another person but to yourself as well.

When Christ was asked what is the greatest of the commandments he replied, ***"You shall love the Lord your God with all heart, with all your soul, and your mind and you shall love your neighbor as YOUR-SELF."***

**RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE
LIFE MATTERS: RESPONDING TO
UNPLANNED PREGNANCY**

PREGNANCY HELP CENTERS: Many women dealing with an unplanned pregnancy feel afraid and alone. This article is to inform you that there is help. There is a local Pregnancy Help Center waiting to help and guide a woman who needs support. Support is offered again and again in over 3,700 pregnancy help centers, medical clinics, and related ministries (including pro-life social services, maternity homes, and nonprofit adoption agencies) in the United States.

Currently, over 70,000 people are actively assisting in pregnancy help centers in the US among them are medical personnel, social workers, counselors, teachers, homemakers, young people, business people, and clergy. **Heartbeat International** hosts an on-line Worldwide Directory heartbeatinternational.org of resources in the U.S. and the nearly 2,000 additional ones around the world. **Option Line** (optionline.org, 1-800-712-HELP) connects people in need with life-saving help, 7 days per week, in both English and Spanish.

Blessed Pope John Paul II acknowledged the vital work of pregnancy help centers, stating: *“Newborn life is also served by centers of assistance and homes or centers where new life receives a welcome. Thanks to the work of such centers, many unmarried mothers and couples in difficulty discover new hope and find assistance and support in overcoming hardship and the fear of accepting a newly conceived life.”*

These centers are in desperate need of volunteers! Sharing your time, talent and love can impact generations. Just a few hours a week can make an incredible difference in the life of a mother and her child.

Here are a list of local numbers to help an expectant mother and her baby:

LIFE CENTER OF LI - Deer Park, Massapequa & Hempstead, Education, training, literature, videos (631) 243-2373

LI BIRTHRIGHT - Farmingdale (516) 293-5999

BETHANY HOUSE - Roosevelt (516) 868-6866

MOMMA'S HOUSE - Wantagh (516) 781-8637

BIRTHRIGHT OF PEONIS, INC. - East Quogue, NY (631) 728-8900

MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL HOME - Roosevelt (516) 223-1013

FOR POST ABORTION COUNSELING:
RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT (631) 243-2373

If you would like to volunteer a few hours a week at the Life Center of LI, please call Diana Hart Mirando, (516) 830-5077 for more information.



**Join the Young at Heart
for a fun trip to
The International Tattoo
in Norfolk Virginia**

“A spectacle of music & might!”

April 24, 25 & 26

**Cost is \$399 per person
double occupancy
For more details, please call
Dolores Stewart at 931-5795.**

What is a Tattoo?

Tattoos have evolved from a European tradition dating back to the 17th Century. They are ceremonial performances of military music by massed bands. Each Tattoo is different and influenced by the culture of the country in which they are presented. Most Tattoos now include civilian entertainment as well as military bands and emphasize the inclusion of performers from nations outside of the host nation.



FOR HELP IN A CRISIS PREGNANCY

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

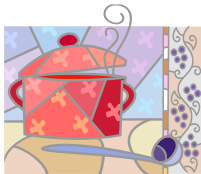
**ROSELINE, LIFE CENTER 24
HOURS, RACHEL'S VINEYARD RE-
TREAT (631) 243-2373.**

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

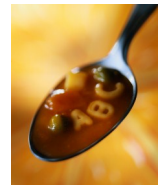


**Sharing a meal warms the heart and the stomach.
Warming the heart stirs the soul.**

IT'S THAT TIME!
ANNUAL LENTEN SOUP SUPPER
Both meat & meatless soups will be served.



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!**



OUR LENTEN JOURNEY BEGINS

**Schedule for Ash Wednesday
February 13th**

**Masses:
6:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.**

**Services:
12:00 Noon
4:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m.**

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 woodscsrr@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

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.

Summer Camp 2013

July & August

St. Martin de Porres Marianist School

530 Hempstead Boulevard

Uniondale NY 11553

Phone: (516) 481-3303

Fax: (516) 483-4138

www.stmartinmarianist.org

Visit our school website for Summer Camp information. For students entering grades 1 -6 in September. Registration is taking place so don't miss out.

Call the school today to reserve your spot.

The Catholic Counseling Center 12 Ryder Court, Dix Hills NY 11746

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



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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!

Homily Reviews



The Students in our Parish Religious Education Program are required to give reports on the homily that they heard at a Mass they attended. I must say that the reports are excellent summaries of the homilies, and in my case, I found they were able to say it in a lot fewer words. (No need to comment on that last statement!) - Father Pat

Here are a few samples:

- During Mass Father Jim taught about various transitions in life: from child, to adult, to parent, to grandparent, and single to married. It is the journey you have with God. (6th grader)
- The priest told us that we get many gifts for Christmas, but the most important gift in the world is the gift of your family. I appreciate my family so much. They are special to me. (3rd grader)
- Father Pat was talking about our financial business for church. He said that we were generous, but he would be asking for more money for the church soon. (7th grader)
- Father Pat said he always wanted to go to Israel. He might go to Israel this summer. Father Pat told everyone to be not too tired to enjoy Christmas. (4th grader)
- Father Ciya told us a story about a girl in the forest with her father. She got scared because she could not see her father so she yelled and he finally said don't worry, I can see and hear you. Even though we can't see Jesus, he can hear us by going into our hearts and helping us to help others. (5th grader)
- Father Henry spoke about the big birthday cake in the parish hall. He said that anyone who needs to warm up, cook, or charge their electronics are welcome to the hall. We should all help each other now during the Hurricane. (6th grader)
- Today's homily was about not to fight with your siblings. It was Jesus' most important commandment. (3rd grader)
- Father Pat has no joy in his heart because of what happened at the school to the children. We saw humanity at its worst, but we must still believe in humanity. One person did evil but others did kind acts. We pray for the victims and hold on to those we love. (3rd grader)
- Father Jim told us that people believed life was horrible and were being punished by God. The main reason Jesus was baptized was because humanity is good, that we are good and we cannot be separated from God. (7th grader)

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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