

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

6:30 Sister Kate McBarron
9:00 Connie & Michael Maggio

Tuesday - March 5

6:30 Christina Martuge
9:00 Michael Smith

Wednesday - March 6

6:30 Lucy Speelman
9:00 Doris Ennis

Thursday - March 7

6:30 Mary Bandelt
9:00 Frank Sergio & Family

Friday - March 8

6:30 Nettie & Arthur Chiampou
9:00 Deceased Members of the Hospital Ministry

Saturday - March 9

9:00 **Multiple Intentions Announced**
5:00 Keith G. Meehan, Anniversary
7:00 Mary Ellen & Patrick Naughton

Sunday - March 10

7:00 The People of the Parish
8:30 Mbrs. of Martin & Lewandowski Families
10:00 Patrick, Sarah & Pdraig McCann
11:30 Frank & Jennie Juliano
1:00 Mary & Frank Mingione
5:30 Sabina Brigandi

Readings For The Week

Mon. 2 Kings 5:1-15b
Tues. Daniel 3:25, 34-43; Matthew 18:21-35
Wed. Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9; Matthew 5:17-19
Thurs. Jeremiah 7:23-28; Luke 11:14-23
Fri. Hosea 14:2-10; Mark 12:28-34
Sat. Hosea 6:1-6; Luke 18:9-14
Sun. **Joshua 5:9a, 10-12** *God delivered Israel from Egypt. All the people celebrated Passover with unleavened cakes and parched grain in their new land, the promised land flowing with milk and honey.*

2 Corinthians 5:17-21 *We are ambassadors for Christ and ministers of reconciliation to one another. We must all be reconciled to God so that we might "become the righteousness of God in him."*

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 *Jesus told his followers the parable of the prodigal son. It is never too late to repent to be received back by a loving father, and to enjoy his presence forever.*



Saint Maria
Faustina

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

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift**Last Week February 23/24 Collection**

Amount Budgeted: \$17,500.00

Amount Received: \$17,912.84

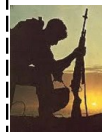
Thank you for your generosity & support!

Reflection & Living Stewardship

The parable in today's Gospel clearly warns that we, like the fig tree, will be judged by our fruit. While God mercifully provides us with time and opportunity, let us give witness to our faith with deeds of kindness and generosity.

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who love actively. How? By serving in a soup kitchen, food homeless shelter, hospital or assisted living facility.

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 people hate to ask for directions. One of them must have invented the GPS!!! Asking God for directions is easy. You ask, He tells you. You mess up, you ask again. He tells you again and over and over! Come get your directions.

Our next meeting is Monday, March 4th in St. Alphonsus Hall. Call (516) 993-9672 for any prayer requests or more information.

St. Martin of Tours HOP Club

Feb. 25	#605	John & Margaret O'Mara	\$25.00
Feb. 26	#618	Anne Adams	\$25.00
Feb. 27	#3	M/M Frank Canepa	\$25.00
Feb. 28	#647	Ronny & Tony Ciarniello	\$25.00
Mar. 1	#167	Joseph Russo	\$50.00

Wedding Banns

1st: Nicholas Rini and Diana Colleluori



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

This week the pantry is low on macaroni & cheese, coffee, jelly, canned fruit, sweet and regular cereals, pork & beans, tuna fish, peas, cake mix, tissues, laundry soap, dish soap, diapers (size 4 & 5), tooth brushes, shampoo, conditioner, paper towels, boxed milk, juice boxes, bottled juice, sugar and oil.

As always, we are so grateful for the tremendous generosity of our parishioners.

Food Pantry:

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

Christian Mothers Rosary Confraternity

On Tuesday March 5th, we will have our General Meeting. The Rosary begins promptly at 7:30 PM and Father Jim McCabe, CSSR will be presenting a special Lenten program. Refreshments will be served.

At this meeting you can purchase tickets for our annual fund raiser - the CHINESE AUCTION - scheduled for Tuesday, April 2nd. Tickets are \$5.00. Dessert, coffee and tea only will be served. The auction will consist of you bringing a NEW unwrapped gift worth \$10. You will receive an envelope of 10 chances to win a gift. You can purchase additional envelopes for \$1.00 each. There will also be raffles and 50/50.

Please see Janet Dion for tickets at the March 5th meeting. Checks should be made out to CMRC for \$5.00. You may also call her for tickets at 433-9340.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the meeting!

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, Donna Pellicano
William John Staudt, Jimmy Stiffa, Sharon Shiepk
Christopher Gratton, John Mitchell, Salvatore Accardi
Marie Bosco, Mary Donahoe, Robert Cakoyanis
Peggy Namiotka, Pat Cannata, Barbara Thompson
Teresa Moran Theissen, Christine Ketchem*

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, March 4th in the Eucharistic Chapel in reparation for blasphemy and the wounds to His Holy Face.

All will be blessed with Holy Face of Jesus oil.



Week of March 3- 9, 2013

Altar Bread & Wine

*In Loving Memory of
Lucy Speelman*

Rest in Peace

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

*James P. Barmonde, Anna Bernstein
Perri Annibale, Angelina Aprandini
Christian Zimmerman*

Letter from the Pastor

Happy March! We made it through January and February! Although we can still get a blast of snow, we do hope the worst of winter is over. This is a great month with some very important days to celebrate. Certainly Easter Sunday, March 31st is *the* most important day since the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ is the central feast of the Catholic Church. This Sunday March 3rd, we celebrate the Bethpage's Saint Patrick's Day Parade and rejoice as we honor Deacon Thomas Hennessy as the grand marshal of the parade. Over the past two years, I have said many prayers of gratitude to God for all the great ministry that Tom provides for our parish.

Then on March 17th, we celebrate St. Patrick's Day! There would be Catholic liturgists who would call the 17th the Fifth Sunday of Lent, since the Sundays of Lent outrank any saint's feast, but since I am a man whose patron is the **great** saint, March 17th is Saint Patrick's Day in my heart. Just don't tell the Bishop I said that! I also cannot forget March 19th, the great feast of the husband of the Blessed Mother, Saint Joseph.

March 20th is the first day of spring, with all the promise of new life bursting forth and the promise of warmer days ahead. The baseball season begins on Easter Sunday night, and right now the Mets are in first place and have not lost a game! I love baseball stories. Tim McCarver, the former catcher for the St. Louis Cardinals, now a popular television announcer, tells this story. He was catching for the great Bob Gibson. Bob Gibson, a Hall of Famer, was an outstanding pitcher and a fierce competitor. He owned the pitcher's mound. Once Gibson was having an off day and had given up a couple of hits in a row. As is the baseball custom, the catcher, McCarver, walked out to the mound to offer his pitcher some advice. The great pitcher told McCarver when he arrived, "*Get out of here! The only thing you know about pitching is that you can't hit it!*"

I think of that story when it comes to me and money. I could picture someone saying to me, "*The only thing you know about money is how to spend it.*" I must confess I am far more comfortable writing sermons, visiting the sick, and hearing confessions than I am looking at financial statements. Truthfully, I do have some experience with money since, when I was the provincial of the Redemptorists, I was ultimately responsible for a budget with lots of zeros in it. I was fortunate enough to have a team of advisors that gave me great counsel. The same is true for me here at St. Martin's. Our operating budget is over a million dollars a year. I am blessed to have our bookkeeper, Barbara Amoroso, Jim Letourneau, our accountant, Fathers Henry and Jim, both men wise in finances, the knowledgeable guidance of the pastoral council, and the outstanding finance committee made up of men and women who have expertise in finances.

As you know, our parish has some very practical needs that must be addressed in the coming years. To maintain our property, we must repave our parking lot, put a new roof on the school, and repair the school's brick walls. These items must be done. I know how much you love and care for your homes; you would not let them deteriorate. I trust you feel the same way about your property here at St. Martin's. It is your parish.

I also have the desire to address the school auditorium with hopes that it might be used for some sports activities, especially for the young of the parish. We may or may not be able to do this since we are still evaluating possibilities. I wish we could put an elevator in the school since I know some of our parishioners are not able to access any areas of that building. Unfortunately, an elevator seems out of our price range. The school building, although it no longer houses a Catholic school, is a vital asset of our parish since we are educating over 1,300 children in religious education. This is a primary mission of our parish, and as you know, we use the school for other parish events and activities. For the past year, both our pastoral council and finance committee have been discussing these needs. Although we have not finalized our dates and plans, it is very apparent to me from listening to their counsel, that we will soon be announcing a capital campaign. It will most likely be for three years as we seek to raise one and a half million dollars to pay for these necessary repairs and needs.

We can either raise the money ourselves or hire a professional team to assist us. This is a decision that the parish council and finance committee are weighing carefully, since a team of professionals cost money. At the same time, they are experts in this field and know how to help a parish achieve its goals. So far, we have interviewed three teams of consultants and listened to what each of them offers. It seems likely that we will end up hiring one of them for the benefit of the parish. We also need the permission of the Bishop to run a capital campaign. One positive aspect of such a campaign is that every penny raised stays right in the parish, since there is no tax or fee that goes to the diocese.

It is very difficult to speak to you about raising one and a half million dollars when our economy is struggling, when many of you have children in high school and college with significant tuition bills, and when others are living on fixed incomes. I would prefer to write to you about how to grow closer to our Lord Jesus Christ. Yet the mission of our parish - to grow in love of Jesus and build up our parish community - cannot exist without structures and buildings. We all know that. I have seen first-hand the great generosity of the parishioners at St. Martin's. I know you love your parish and your fellow parishioners. I am confident that such a campaign will not only meet our needs but will help us grow in love for our parish.

I write this letter to keep you informed as to where we are. I do expect that we will be finalizing plans in the coming months and wanted you to know that. You are also most welcome to speak to me (in person, on the phone or by email), as well as to any member of the clergy, the pastoral council and the finance committee. I ask for your prayers for all of us during this important time of discernment on how best to move forward in addressing the needs of our parish. God bless you.

*Father Pat, CSSR - 931-0818 ext. 217
woodscsr@aol.com
www.smtbethpage.org*

Mark Your Calendars HEC 29 is coming in April. Pray about joining us as a "companion" to a handicapped person hungering for Christ. We did the Retreat last year, 2012; it really brought US closer to Jesus.

Kathy & Jim Devine

What is HEC?

"HEC" 29 – Handicapped Encounter Christ

April 25, 2013 – April 28, 2013 (Thursday evening through Sunday afternoon)

Each year, HEC holds a retreat weekend designed for men and women (18 years or older) who are physically or mentally challenged. It is a weekend of prayer, song, discussion, fellowship and community-building. The retreat is held at Camp Alvernia in Centerport, NY. We rent the main building which features dorms, bathrooms, discussions rooms, chapel, commercial kitchen and large dining room. Conveniently, all rooms are housed on one floor.

We have an experienced team of volunteers, including medically-trained personnel, during the weekend to meet the special needs of the participants. We are, however, always looking for able-bodied people who can serve as a companion or care-giver to a participant for the full weekend. For those interested in being full-time participants as team members (buddies to our candidates) and for those wanting to volunteer in any capacity, we will have three planning meetings (at St. Kilian Parish, 485 Conklin Street, Farmingdale, NY in the lower church. Enter at the side door on the left side of the church. Staircase leads to our meeting place.

Our first meeting took place on Monday evening, February 18th. We will meet again on Monday, March 18th and our final meeting will take place on April 15, 2013. All meetings will begin at 7:00 PM.

If you can only give a limited time, we need assistance with the following:

- Setting up beds, tables and chairs (on Tuesday evening, April 15th at 5:00 PM)
- Taking everything down (beds, tables, etc.) on Sunday afternoon, April 28th at 4:00 PM
- Drivers to bring the disabled to/from the weekend. Help in the kitchen, setting up, serving and cleaning tables on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

This weekend is supported ENTIRELY by donations (checks payable to Long Island HEC) and volunteers willing to give of themselves. Adults with special needs who would like to attend the retreat, and individuals or organizations looking to volunteer in any capacity, please contact: **Deacon Frank and Michele Barone @ 516-420-1207 or mr.barone@verizon.net.**

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO OBEY
POLICY & PROCEDURE
REGARDING THE SAFETY OF
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STUDENTS**

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 since this area becomes a **SAFE ZONE FOR PEDESTRIANS ONLY**. Please - only park in the church parking lot or municipal lot during the days and hours stated above.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mar. 3: St. Patrick's Mass 1:00PM
Followed by Parade and Reception
- Mar. 4: Holy Face Devotion 1:00PM
- Mar. 10-13: PARISH LENTEN MISSION
- Mar. 12: Adoration - canceled due to Mission
- Mar. 19: Padre Pio Holy Hour 7PM
- Mar. 24: The Living Stations 7:30PM
- Mar. 25: CONFESSION 3-5 & 7-8PM
- Mar. 26: CONFESSION 7-8PM
- Mar. 27: CONFESSION 7-8PM
- Mar. 28: Liturgy of the Lord's Supper 7:30PM
- Mar. 29: Liturgy of the Passion 3:00 & 7:30PM
- Mar. 30: Blessing of Food/Bread 1:00PM
- Mar. 30: The Easter Vigil 8:00PM

ATTENTION: ALTAR SERVERS

There are still openings for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Masses. Practice for Holy Thursday is Tuesday, March 26th at 4PM in church. Practice for Good Friday is Wednesday, March 27th at 4PM in church.

Please email gennysmt@hotmail.com to reserve the mass you would like to serve. Many thanks!!

Blessed Seelos Play Reviews

Many thanks to Mr. Casey Groves for his marvelous one-man show performed in our church about the life of Blessed Father Francis Xavier Seelos CSSR. As the play went on, it felt as if we were looking at the real Father Seelos! Thanks also to everyone who attended for their support of this play and the work of Mr. Groves.

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

On Sunday March 17th, there will be a St. Patrick's Day party for the children of all ages after the ten o'clock. St. Patrick himself may attend.

Please bring some cupcakes, cookies, soda bread or any delight that can be made with green chocolate!!

**ST. MARTIN OF TOURS
CLASS OF 1982**

Anyone who graduated from SMT in 1982, please come to our class reunion!



Friday, April 19th

From 5 - 7 PM

The Library Café

274 Main Street

(corner of Conklin Street)

Farmingdale NY 11735

**If you need further info,
please email maryp@optonline.net.
Hope to see you there!**



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.

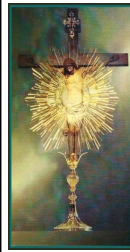


Parent Life is designed to give parents an opportunity to support their parish ministry programs while strengthening their own relationship with Christ and His Church. Parent Life meets once a month on Sundays following the 5:30pm Mass in the school building. **All parents and adults are welcome!**

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, April 9th. 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!

Attention All High School Students – You are invited to our Diocesan High School Youth Conference on Saturday, **April 27, 2013** for Praise & Worship – Reconciliation, Interactive Multisensory Prayer Room – Adoration and more at St. Joseph Church, Nolan Hall, 39 N. Carll Avenue, Babylon from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. For more information, please go to <http://www.drvc.org/youth-ministry/3.html> or e-mail Marianne Sheridan at msherdan@drvc.org

All Youth and Young Adults are welcome to share in this Lenten Praise & Worship with Steve Angrisano **on March 20, 2013** from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at St. John's Church ~ 1140 Locust Avenue, Bohemia. All are welcome to attend.

All Young Adults – you are invited to join us for our next Faith on Tap on Monday, **March 18, 2013**. Our guest speaker will be Fr. Lachlan Cameron from St. Rose of Lima Parish in Massapequa. The Title of his talk is: ***“My Bad ~ The Catholic Church and Forgiveness”***

Join us at the Wantagh Inn
3264 Railroad Ave Wantagh, NY
Doors open at 7:00 – talk begins at 7:30!



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

TODAY - Sunday, March 3, 2013



Schedule of Events:

1:00 PM Mass at St. Martin of Tours Church

**2:00 PM Parade immediately following Mass
(through downtown Bethpage)**

3:30 PM Reception at St. Martin of Tours Auditorium and Cafeteria

Music and Entertainment - Food, Drinks and Good Cheer

Admission: \$5.00 per person – children under 12 are free



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Thank you also to the residents of Bethpage who have contributed to this event.



RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH ACT (S.438, Steward-Cousins)

If you did not have the opportunity to sign the petition opposing the Reproductive Health Act in the Gathering Area last week, you can email your opposition at the following site:

<https://ssl.capwiz.com/nyscatholicconference/issues/alert/?alertid=62331936>

The Reproductive Health Act would permit unlimited late-term abortions on demand in New York State; non-physicians to perform abortions and endanger religious liberty of Catholic hospitals and other institutions. Over 500 petitions were signed last weekend and sent to Albany. Thank you! There are over 55,000,000 (fifty five million) abortions performed in the U.S.A. since 1973. There is approximately one abortion performed on Long Island every hour.

FROM Lorraine Garroboldi, Executive Director of the Life Center of Long Island

The PLANNED PARENTHOOD 2011 - 2012 Annual Report proudly proclaims that they performed 333,964 abortions in 2011. This is the HIGHEST NUMBER EVER. They also received over HALF A BILLION DOLLARS OF TAXPAYER FUNDING TO DO THIS. PLANNED PARENTHOOD commits more abortions than any other single entity in the United States. Unfortunately, public ignorance of Planned Parenthood's activities, goals and philosophy has long been its greatest ally. However, we do know that the greater the public education about Planned Parenthood, the far less enthusiasm there is for having their abortion sites in the community. Planned Parenthood does not respect parental rights. They believe every young person can make responsible decisions regarding sex, birth control and abortion. Planned Parenthood has begun a campaign to safeguard minors' access to abortion. Planned Parenthood demands the right to commit an abortion on minors, and to give birth control, even via invasive means such as injections. **It opposes all laws that would give rights to PARENTS ON SUCH MATTERS INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO PARENTAL NOTIFICATION.**

We do have God on our side. We have pro-life people willing to stand outside an abortion clinic in any weather - people volunteering their time at pregnancy care centers and people willing to contribute to organizations like the Life Center, helping pregnant woman so they can make healthy choices for their unborn baby.

It can be discouraging when we read about all the abortions performed by PLANNED PARENTHOOD, and the TAX DOLLARS THEY RECEIVE, but we have God on our side and we WILL WIN THIS BATTLE!

For all God's children, Lorraine

**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.**

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.

**THE LONG ISLAND COALITION FOR LIFE PRESENTS
GOOD FRIDAY SILENT VIGIL IN DEFENSE OF THE RIGHT TO LIFE
MARCH 29, 10:30 TO NOON (RAIN OR SHINE)**

Nassau University Medical Center, 2201 Hempstead Turnpike, East Meadow. As a reminder that ABORTION IS NOT HEALTHCARE, Pro Life men, women and children stand in peaceful witness to the Loss of Children Sacrificed by Abortion at this hospital and throughout Long Island. Nearly one baby an hour is aborted in Nassau and Suffolk Counties. Signs will be provided. For further information, please call 631-243-1435 or Email fortyFLI@gmail.com.

The Catholic Tour LLC is a 33 year old travel apostolate and has been able to secure air and land arrangements **for parishioners to be present at the Vatican Piazza during the upcoming Papal Conclave and Election in Rome, Italy.** Await the *"White Smoke"* of the positive results of the election followed by the first appearance of our "New" Holy Father on the balcony over the main entrance to St. Peter's Basilica. **The price is \$2,869.00 all inclusive from Newark NJ airport from March 16-24, 2013.** Please call or email to the Catholic Tour at toll free 877-627-4268 or simply email info@thecatholictour.com for further information, reservation forms, etc. The Catholic Tour looks forward to serving you for a "most glorious event for our Catholic Church!"

Holy Trinity Diocesan High School

**VENDORS WANTED
Spring Craft Fair
Saturday, March 16th 2013
10:00 a.m. 'till 4:30 p.m.
Newbridge Road (Rt 106)
& Stewart Avenue**

**All profits support the Holy Trinity's
Student Activities**

**For more information please e-mail
TitanClub@HolyTrinityHS.echalk.com
or call 433-2900 x 119**

Molloy College
Spring Open House

Sunday, April 28, 2013
1:00 p.m.

Molloy College
1000 Hempstead Avenue
Rockville Centre NY 11571-5002

(516) 678-5000 ext. 6230

Catholic Relief Services Collection March 10, 2013

Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. This Collection supports six Catholic agencies benefiting millions of vulnerable, displaced, and impoverished families and individuals around the world.

From direct humanitarian service to helping victims of human trafficking and working to reunify families, the funds from this Collection make a real difference in lives across the globe.

How will you help? Next week, please support The Catholic Relief Services Collection and Jesus in disguise.

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>.

Morning Prayer

Monday through Saturday at 8:30 a.m. in Church, we have been saying Morning Prayer by the use of the Liturgy of the Hours. The Liturgy of the Hours, often called the Divine Office, is the prayer of the Church. All priests and deacons are called to say the Liturgy of the Hours. As a way of consecrating the entire day to God, many contemplative religious communities, such as the Trappists, the Carmelites, and the Benedictines, say the office throughout the day.



A monastic schedule might look something like this:

Office of the Readings 3:00 a.m.
Morning Prayer 6:00 a.m.
Mid-Morning 10:00 a.m.
Mid-Day Prayer 12:00 p.m.
Mid-Afternoon 3:00 p.m.
Evening Prayer 5:30 p.m.
and Night Prayer 8:30 p.m.

Our Redemptorist community here at St. Martin does the morning and evening prayer together, and the rest we do on our own. For Lent, we have decided to say part of the liturgy of the hours with the parishioners before the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

The prayer consists of psalms, scripture readings, and intercessions. The psalms are considered the prayer book of the Bible so it is a beautiful way to honor God. Our morning prayer takes about 15 minutes or so. You are most welcome to join the monks of St. Martin's at 8:30 a.m.

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny



On **SATURDAY, MARCH 23rd** from 9:00 AM until 12 NOON, the Rev. Hartigan Knights of Columbus will host its annual "Breakfast with the Easter Bunny" serving a delicious eggs and pancakes breakfast followed by fun activities for the children to enjoy such as egg coloring, crafts, face painting, an egg hunt...and OF COURSE a visit from the **EASTER BUNNY** himself!!

The cost is \$8.00 for each person 3 years and older. Reservation payment by cash or check by March 15th payable to Rev. Hartigan K of C Council #5033. For reservations, please call with the number of guests at your table to Chairman Joe Interrante at (516) 378-0733.

Prayer for the Election of a New Pope



Lord Jesus Christ, You are the Good Shepherd, and you never leave your flock untended. You gave your life that we may live, and you appoint shepherds after your own heart to lead your people by word and example to likewise give themselves away in love.

We thank you for the ministry of Pope Benedict XVI, and for his service to the Church and the world. We ask that you now give him a fruitful period of rest and prayer, of gratitude and praise.

We ask you, Lord Jesus, with the Father, to send the Holy Spirit on the Church once again. In particular, guide the Cardinals who will shortly exercise the obligation and privilege of electing a new Pope. Guide their deliberations and decisions with divine wisdom and insight.

Even now, Lord Jesus, give to the new Pope, whom you have already chosen, an abundance of holiness and strength, To carry out the mission you have entrusted to him. May your Word reign supreme in his life, and may his every word and action point the Church to You, the Supreme and Eternal Shepherd. Amen.

ST. MARTIN OF TOURS PARISH MISSION MARCH 10-13, 2013

Father James Wallace CSSR and Father Kevin O'Neil CSSR

THEME: UNWRAPPING THE GIFT OF FAITH

EVENING SERVICES FOR THE MISSION

7:15 p.m. Meditation Music
7:30 p.m. The mission service begins

Sunday evening March 10: Theme: *Faith as Gift of a Relationship*
Monday evening March 11: Theme: *Faith as Gift of a Understanding*
Tuesday evening March 12: Theme: *Faith as Our Response through Worship*
Wed. evening March 13: Theme: *Faith as Our Response in the World*

MORNING LITURGY AND INSTRUCTIONS

Monday, March 11: Mission Mass at 9:00 a.m.

9:45 a.m. in St. Alphonsus Hall

“The Christian Moral Life as Living in Christ”

Tuesday, March 12: Mission Mass at 9:00 a.m.

9:45 a.m. in St. Alphonsus Hall

“The Christian Life as Dying in Christ”

Wednesday, March 13: Mission Mass at 9:00 a.m.

9:45 a.m. in St. Alphonsus Hall

“Catholic Decision-Making at the End of Life”



ANNOUNCING
ST. MARTIN OF TOURS ADULT EDUCATION COURSE IN CHRISTOLOGY
Y'SHUA
THE JEWISH WAY TO SAY
JESUS

Jesus of Nazareth is the central figure of our Catholic faith. Born and raised an observant Jew, Jesus is recognized by all those who profess orthodox Christian faith as the Son of God sent into the world as the Savior of humankind and as the fulfillment of Messianic Prophecy found in the Hebrew Scriptures.

This Christological course will examine in detail the life, death and resurrection of the Lord as we focus on Jesus, the Messiah as the fulfillment of the Old Testament law and the prophets.

Let us gather together joyfully as we grow in the knowledge of the great gift of our Heavenly Father known to his contemporaries as Y'shua, which is the Jewish way to say Jesus.

If you feel the movement of the Spirit attracting you to attend, Don't resist...Do something for yourself; come and join us!

DATES: Begins Wed., April 10, and continues on Wed., April 17, 24, May 1, and 8, 2013. Attendance at all sessions is **not** required.

TIME: 7:30 to 9:30 P.M.

LOCATION: St. Alphonsus Hall

INSTRUCTOR: Deacon Thomas R. Hennessy

REGISTRATION: Required before course begins. Complete the form below with a **check for \$10.00** for course materials **made out to Deacon Thomas Hennessy**

REQUIRED MATERIAL: The Holy Bible

REGISTRATION

Please enroll me in the Christology course, **Y'shua**, beginning Wednesday, April 10 at 7:30 P.M. in St. Alphonsus Hall. My \$10.00 check payable to Deacon Thomas Hennessy is enclosed.

(print)

Full Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Address: _____

(Mail or drop off completed form to the rectory office c/o Deacon Tom.)

Stations of the Cross—LENT 2013

Stations of the Cross is every Friday in the Church at 7:30 p.m. on the following dates:

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!

THE LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Palm Sunday in the Church - 7:30 p.m.

Once again Saint Martin of Tours presents the *Living Stations of the Cross* presented by SMT parishioners. This is a narrative of each of the fourteen stations as well as hymns performed by the cast.



Come and experience Christ's walk down the *Via Dolorosa* on Palm Sunday Evening. The performance will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Church and should last approximately 45 minutes.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT BETHPAGE STATE PARK

PLEASE JOIN US, WEATHER PERMITTING, ON GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29TH FOR THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT 10:00 A.M. IN THE PICNIC AREA BEYOND THE POLO FIELD OF BETHPAGE STATE PARK. PRAYER BOOKLETS WILL BE PROVIDED. CARPOOLING IS SUGGESTED. IF INCLEMENT WEATHER, THE STATIONS WILL BE DONE AT THE CHURCH.



LITURGICAL MINISTRY 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—10 PM

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