

***Masses For The Week*****Monday - March 11**

6:30 Sister Kate McBarron  
9:00 Gerard Doddo

**Tuesday - March 12**

6:30 Barbara Coyer  
9:00 Margaret & Mark Ridge

**Wednesday - March 13**

6:30 Antonio, Felicia & Rich Saulino  
9:00 Mary Sirianni

**Thursday - March 14**

6:30 Nicholas & Joseph Sergio  
9:00 Frank & Dorothy Corbet

**Friday - March 15**

6:30 James Dooley  
9:00 Julia Quealy

**Saturday - March 16**

9:00 **Multiple Intentions Announced**  
5:00 Thomas Cortese  
7:00 Madeline T. Stein

**Sunday - March 17**

7:00 The People of the Parish  
8:30 Margaret & Barth McSweeney  
10:00 Patrick Hopkins & Andrew McCarthy  
11:30 Kenneth W. Meyer  
1:00 Delia Connaughton, Anniversary  
5:30 Louise & John Pellicano

***Readings For The Week***

Mon. Isaiah 65:17-21; John 4:43-54  
Tues. Ezekiel 47:1-9; John 5:1-16  
Wed. Isaiah 49:8-15; John 5:17-30  
Thurs. Exodus 32:7-14; John 5:31-47  
Fri. Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22; John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30  
Sat. Jeremiah 11:18-20; John 7:40-53  
Sun. **Isaiah 43:16-21** *Isaiah recounted how the Lord crushed the enemies of Israel. Then the Lord God did something entirely new by providing water in the desert for his chosen people to drink.*

**Philippians 3:8-14** *Paul told the Philippians how much he has forfeited in order to arrive at resurrection from the dead. Paul's entire attention was on the finish line as he ran toward the prize: life in Christ Jesus.*

**John 8:1-11** *Pharisees brought to Jesus a woman caught in adultery. They hoped he would condemn her to death by stoning, but Jesus said simply, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." No one dared. Jesus forgave the woman and told her to avoid sin.*



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 March 2/3 Collection**

Amount Budgeted: \$17,500.00  
Amount Received: \$19,596.03  
Easter Flowers: \$1,637.00

***Thank you for your generosity & support!***

**Reflection & Living Stewardship**

The stewardship message in the parable of the Prodigal Son is that it is never too late to become a good steward. Blessed is the elder brother who had been a good steward all along, but blessed, too, is the prodigal who had to lose all he had in order to understand the value of what he'd been given.

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who open hearts, schedules and hands to others by being available and willing to listen, to give and to share their resources with all.

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**

Is your roof leaking? Not the one on your house. **Your** roof—the one you asked Jesus to enter under before receiving Holy Communion. Temptations can get in through the cracks in your roof. We have the stuff to seal up those cracks! **Our next meeting is Monday, March 18th at 7:30 PM in ST. ALPHONSUS HALL. Bring a friend whose roof is leaking!**

**Call (516) 993-9672 for any prayer requests or more information.**

**St. Martin of Tours HOP Club**

Mar. 4 #639	Gina Hignell	\$25.00
Mar. 5 #239	Rita & Edgar Schmidt	\$25.00
Mar. 6 #57	M/M Frank Napolitano	\$25.00
Mar. 7 #136	William & Marie Dorsch	\$25.00
Mar. 8 #112	Raymond Gimbut	\$50.00

**Wedding Banns****2nd Nicholas Rini & 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 flour, macaroni & cheese, tuna fish, chili, coffee, cereal, pancake mix, syrup, canned chicken, cake mix, canned fruit, ketchup, mustard, oil, sugar, black beans, peas, dish soap, laundry soap, toothpaste, tooth brushes, toilet paper, shampoo, conditioner, diapers sizes 4, 5, & 6.

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  
CHINESE AUCTION**

**Our CHINESE AUCTION is 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.

Checks should be made out to CMRC for \$5.00. You may contact Janet Dion 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 Dalesio, Leigh Murphy  
Helena Mulligan, Richard Piernini, John Tortorice  
Joseph Simon, Douglas Torres, Gina Cava  
James Robertson, Amy Hayes, Mom & Dad  
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  
Mary Donahoe, Robert Cakoyanis, Christine Ketchem  
Peggy Namiotka, Pat Cannata, Barbara Thompson  
Teresa Moran Theissen*

**ATTENTION: ALTAR SERVERS**

**We still need servers for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and some 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](mailto:gennysmt@hotmail.com) to reserve the mass you would like to serve. Many thanks!!**



*Week of March 10 – 16, 2013  
Altar Bread & Wine*

*In Loving Memory of  
The Squillante Family*

**Rest in Peace**

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

*Lillian Ahlers, Marie Bosco  
Stella Jankowski, Thomas A. Strong*

## *Letter from the Pastor*

***I have given over a hundred parish missions in my life,*** most of them with my dear friend Father John McGowan CSSR. The tradition of the Redemptorists and missions goes back to the earliest days of our Congregation in 1732 and our founder St. Alphonsus. We did not invent the parish mission, but our order has been well-recognized for this ministry. I remember reading a history of the American Church by the historian Jay Dolan and he noted that the Redemptorists missions in the 19<sup>th</sup> century in the Eastern United States was one of the keys in the development of the Catholic Church in America.



***As a boy growing up at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Brooklyn,*** the missions were dramatic events in the life of the parish. There would be a week for the men, a week for the married women, week for the single men, and a week for the children. In some countries where we serve, some of the Redemptorist missions can last several months. However, almost all our missions in the United States are about four or five days.

***The word mission itself is interesting.*** Sometimes a parish team will ask me if they can call it a *retreat* rather than a mission. I will reluctantly agree to this if they insist, but I much prefer the word *mission*. We know that word means “to be sent.” God **sent** his Son Jesus into the world to save us and preach the Good News of the kingdom of God. Jesus promised to **send** the Holy Spirit upon the Church at the first Pentecost. The Church now has the mission of being the Body of Christ on earth as it proclaims the death and resurrection of Jesus. In truth, we are all **sent by our baptisms** to be men and women who proclaim the Gospel by how we live our lives.

***Thus a parish mission is a time of special grace.*** The parish seeks to celebrate in a special way that invitation of Jesus to be his followers. Of course, we are seeking to do this all year, but this week is different: we seek to give full attention to the Lord. I was never not surprised by the effect that a parish mission has on individuals and the parish. Although the sermons, the music, the Scriptures, the rituals, and the coming together of the community are key aspects of the mission, I have found that there is something else happening in the life of those attending. By the amazing grace of God, they hear the word of God anew - a nudge is felt from God, a desire springs up in their hearts, and a call to change is felt. I can only explain this by the grace of God working through the mission.

***I am very excited about our upcoming mission this week.*** Fathers Kevin O’Neil CSSR and James Wallace CSSR are spirit-filled men. They have prepared an excellent program for us. We always have wonderful music here. Whatever you have or have not done so far this Lent, this mission is a great time to enter into a heightened spiritual journey with the Lord. I also ask you to invite someone to the mission. I always joke that you can tell them you are taking them out to dinner and bring them here instead. We will not consider that a sin! There are so many people we know who would be blessed by hearing the Word of God at the mission, and you could be God’s instrument in bringing them to this special moment. Tell them that even if they haven’t been in church in years, even if they feel they are not welcome (they **are**, of course), even if they are angry at the Bishop, the Pope (the old one or the one to come) or the Pastor (there is long line for that one), or the teachings of the Church, do **not** let our humanity limit the grace of God. **All are welcome.** ***This is your mission to attend and to evangelize by inviting others.***

**May our Lady of Perpetual Help bring her choicest blessings upon the mission.**

**Father Pat CSSR  
woodscsr@aol.com  
www.smtbethpage.org**

**SUMMER CAMP 2013**

Information on Summer Camp is now available. Students entering grades 1-6 are welcome to register and JOIN US!

**St. Martin de Porres Marianist School**  
530 Hempstead Boulevard  
Uniondale, NY

For information, please call 516 481-3303

Or visit [www.stmartinmarianist.org](http://www.stmartinmarianist.org)

**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!!

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

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**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 18<sup>th</sup>. We will meet again on Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM)
- Taking everything down (beds, tables, etc.) on Sunday afternoon, April 28<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:mr.barone@verizon.net)**.



**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. 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
- Apr. 10: Christology course begins (Dcn Tom)



As the General Congregations of the College of Cardinals arrive at Vatican City, please pray fervently to the Holy Spirit as they gather to deliberate for the election of the future Pope of the Holy Roman Catholic Church.

**"Veni Sancte Spiritus"  
Come Holy Spirit**

**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](mailto:maryp@optonline.net).  
Hope to see you there!**

**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](mailto: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!



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](http://www.smtbethepage.org) or contact Erin at [EKHoran@yahoo.com](mailto:EKHoran@yahoo.com).



The Edge program is for all middle school aged student (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> 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.

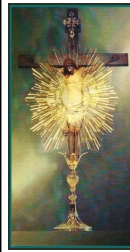


Parent Life is designed to give parents an opportunity to support their parish ministry programs while strengthening their own relationship with Christ and His Church. Parent Life meets once a month on Sundays following the 5:30pm Mass in the school building. **All parents and adults are welcome!**

### 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!

### **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 EAST-ER 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.



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE  
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

March 3, 2013

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

August 1, 2013 is the deadline for certain organizations in the Diocese such as Catholic Charities and Catholic Health Services of Long Island to comply with the HHS mandate that they provide free artificial contraception and abortifacient medications as part of their compliance with the Affordable Care Act. Without being specific, indications from the Obama Administration are that they will no longer listen to our claims or those who share our religious and conscience convictions.

The latest Administration pronouncements were a disappointment. After a week of analyzing this latest proposal from the Administration, Cardinal Timothy Dolan of New York, President of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops, expressed our willingness to continue to try to convince the government that the objectively inadequate "accommodation" from the HHS continues to fall far short of the mark.

To me, the major problem is in the very word the Administration uses: **accommodation**. The state is not the giver of rights, especially religious freedom. We as citizens possess the right to religious freedom without government pronouncement and, in truth, the Administration cannot "accommodate" what is already ours. We should not be treated as if we are second class citizens because we disagree with the government's new and arbitrary insistence that all of us have to follow their prescriptions despite our religious beliefs and our right to freedom of conscience. Those rights are God-given, not state-granted. Every person and every religious institution already has from God what is guaranteed in our Constitution and Bill of Rights: freedom of religion and of conscience.

Now in the middle of Lent I write to you to ask you first of all to pray that God will protect us and our God-given rights as persons and as a Church. Second, I invite you to stay informed and be ready to respond to our calls for help as needed.

Keep your eye on the website of the US Bishops [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org) as well as our news website [www.licatholic.org](http://www.licatholic.org) to keep up-to-date and find concrete ways for concerted action. To get involved, please consider joining grass roots advocacy groups forming in parishes across the Diocese, such as Catholics for Freedom of Religion [www.catholicsforfreedomofreligion.com](http://www.catholicsforfreedomofreligion.com). I encourage you to consider participation in such a group. Let our Senators and your Congressperson know that you and I have not lost interest. Tell them we are resolute in insisting on this most basic freedom, the freedom of religious belief and the protection of conscience. To contact your US Senators and Representatives, go to the website of the National Committee for a Human Life Amendment [www.nchla.org](http://www.nchla.org). Send an email to your Representatives to demand the overturning of the HHS mandate. Plans are also being made for the Second Fortnight for Freedom that will take place this summer. More details about the Fortnight will be forthcoming.

Continue to pray that what is ours by right will be recognized and honored for the good of all. And continue to stand together. Your witness is needed now more than ever.

Devotedly yours in Christ,

Bishop of Rockville Centre

### RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

When Lent begins, we all sort of think, "Ok, what can I give up?" It brings about the need to sacrifice something that we love to do, eat or drink. It can sometimes be sweets that can bring about losing those extra pounds we've been trying to shed for the last 12 months. As we sacrifice to honor the Ultimate Sacrifice our Lord gave us when he died on that cross on Good Friday, it's a wonderful time to think about how we can do without things that bring us comfort, and at the same time strengthen our understanding of Jesus Christ in our lives. Instead of "giving up" something, just **"giving"** something can be truly beautiful also.

Things like writing a note to someone that has just lost a loved one, a phone call to someone who has become a caregiver, knocking on the door of an elderly person just to say "how are you doing? Saying, "Need any help?" can mean the world to someone living alone all day, sending a letter to someone in our military who may be the one that sits alone when mail is distributed, and a really hard one, walking over to someone you might not care for, shaking their hand and asking how they are.

When I think of our Lord, I think of "Goodness, Kindness, and being a Good Samaritan." I think "What would Jesus do?" which helps me set my plan for Lent. Father McCabe does a wonderful thing which has always stayed with me when he begins the gospel. He makes the sign of the cross on his forehead, his lips and his heart and says, "What I think, " "What I say," and "What I do." Just that is a reminder to me that we can do wonderful things for others, simple things that can bring us closer to Christ during this holy time. We can take responsibility for things we can change in ourselves and reach out and follow in the footsteps of our Lord to help others.

Last Tuesday on behalf of the Christian Mothers, I was handed a check for \$100.00 for the Life Center, bringing our total to \$11,344.00. I am honored to deliver the check and another baby bottle that came in to Lorraine Garriboldi this week.

"Goodness, Kindness, and Good Samaritan." I am so blessed being a member of this parish.

**Diana Hart Mirando**

### Catholic Ministries Appeal

Because of you, through Catholic Charities and our Parish Social Ministry programs, we are able to care for God's people by providing housing, counseling, food, clothing and other support. In addition, our hospital and prison ministries reach out to people at the most vulnerable times of their lives; and our Respect Life initiatives defend the dignity of every person.

As of February 26, 2013, St. Martin of Tours parishioners have pledged \$21,690 and have so far paid \$11,942.50. The numbers diocese-wide are: \$4,559,795 raised by 12,580 donors.

Thank you to all who have pledged and donated. It is because of your generosity that we can serve God by serving others.

For more information, to watch the CMA video, or to make an online donation, Visit [www.CatholicMinistriesAppeal.org](http://www.CatholicMinistriesAppeal.org) Or call 516-379-5210 x 229.

### FOR HELP IN A CRISIS PREGNANCY

**Call Diana Hart 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. Adop-  
tion, Foster Care, Maternity Ser-  
vices, Catholic Home Bureau 1  
(800) 592-4357.**



**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.)**

**Dear SMT Book Club Friends,**

Our discussion of *"The Book Thief"* was filled with insight and caring. Everyone's sharing was so heartfelt, and we truly learned from each other. It was wonderful! Our next meeting is Saturday, April 13th at 10AM in St. Alphonsus Hall. I hope you are enjoying our new book, *"The Color of Water."* Questions for discussion will be emailed to you.

All are welcome including those who could not come last time and any new members.

Till then - Happy Reading! - *Father Pat, CSSR*

**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>.

**Catholic Relief Services Collection**

**March 10, 2013**

This weekend our parish is taking 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.

**SOUP SUPPER THANK YOU'S**

A great big *"THANK YOU"* to all who made soup for our annual soup supper. This Lenten event is sponsored by the Liturgy Committee and so a word of gratitude to all on the committee and other volunteers who set up and cleaned up.



**SPECIAL "THANKS"** to Pat Ricci who organized everything. We would like to acknowledge the generosity of the Knights of Columbus who contributed the rolls and also Vinnie Romano who picked them up and delivered them to St. Martin of Tours.

The extra soup that was left over was sent to our Parish Outreach for distribution. Blessings to all who came together to honor the Spirit of Lent!

**THE L.I. 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.**

## ***ST. MARTIN OF TOURS BAPTISM PROGRAM***

Our Baptism Program at St. Martin was revised ten years ago. It has evolved over this period of time and has had some changes to better accommodate our parishioners. The baptisms are now scheduled for Sunday afternoons at 3:00 PM. We would like to describe the entire program for everyone to understand how the program operates. The process is initiated when the parents of a child to be baptized contacts Karen at (516) 454-6454. She will schedule the Gathering, Baptism and Reflection dates at this time.

**Home Visit:** The first step in our process is a visit to the home of the family whose baby is to be baptized. Our program volunteers called Companions make this visit to greet the family and welcome them. They fill out the paperwork that is required for the church records and pray with the family.

**Gathering:** The Gathering takes place once a month for the babies that will be baptized the following month. This session is a prayer service where we have a scripture reading, review the Baptism process and view a DVD on "Your Baby's Baptism." It takes place on a Sunday afternoon at 2:30 PM in St. Alphonsus Hall.



**Baptism:** The third part of the baptism service occurs on a Sunday afternoon usually on the first or third Sundays (except when there is a holiday) at 3:00 PM. At this service the entire sacrament of Baptism takes place.

**Reflection:** The Reflection is scheduled every two months at the 1:00 PM mass and is for all of the babies that were baptized in the previous two months. At the Reflection there is a special blessing for the mother and father. At the conclusion of the mass, the families are invited to St. Alphonsus Hall for a reception and an evaluation of their experience with the whole baptism process. The baptism certificates are distributed at the end of the Reflection.

The heart of this program is the volunteers we call *Companions* they are the people who reach out to these families with the new born babies. They are the representatives of the entire parish to these families. This is a very rewarding ministry for these volunteers. Our parish has many young families with young children and in order to reach out to these families, we need more Companions. If you think that you may be interested in this ministry, please call Karen (516) 454-6454, Pat (516) 796-1320 or Deacon Gene at (516) 933-4690.

**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 thru Worship***

**Wed. Evening, March 13:**  
**Theme: *Faith as Our Response in the World***

**MORNING LITURGY & INSTRUCTIONS**

***Monday, March 11: Mission Mass at 9:00 a.m.***  
**9: 45 a.m. TO BE DETERMINED**  
**"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"**

***Wed., 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"**



**St. William the Abbot Parish  
Adult Antioch Weekend Retreat**

2001 Jackson Ave, Seaford  
(enter in back on Washington Avenue side)

**"Keeping the Faith"**

Friday, April 26th - 7:30PM—10:30PM  
Saturday, April 27th—8:30AM - 10:00PM  
Sunday, April 28th 8:30AM—4:00PM

Send \$50 payable to St. William the Abbot to cover the cost of meals, with your name, address, phone number, email (if applicable), emergency contact name (required), emergency contact phone and relationship. Mail to Sandy Matheson, 1400 Wantagh Avenue, Suite L-2, Wantagh NY 11793

Questions? Call Sandy (516) 987-9589  
or email [sunlitesandy@yahoo.com](mailto:sunlitesandy@yahoo.com)  
or Visit [antiochweekend.blogspot.com](http://antiochweekend.blogspot.com)

**Montfort Spiritual Center  
South Saxon Avenue, Bay Shore NY 11706  
(631) 666-7500**

Lent Weekend Retreat  
March 22-24, 2013

**"The Cross of Jesus in Your Life"**

Donation: \$175  
Send your name, address, phone number  
and a \$25 deposit to register.

**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**

**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—10PM

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

**Stations of the Cross—LENT 2013**

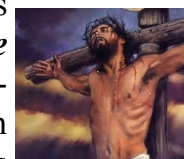
Stations of the Cross is **every Friday in the Church at 7:30 p.m.** on the following dates:

**March 15****March 22**

If any of our altar servers would like to assist the priest or deacon assigned, please email [gennysmt@hotmail.com](mailto: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.



### Downtown Bethpage Focus Group Follow Up

On behalf of Nassau County and the Downtown Bethpage Revitalization Study Project Team, thank you to those who attended the focus group for faith-based and community organizations on February 26, 2013. Thank you again to our host for the evening, St. Martin of Tours. The session was very productive and we received a lot of thoughtful input and ideas.

We will continue to post updates on project progress and upcoming activities on the project website ([www.downtownbethpage.com](http://www.downtownbethpage.com)) and you can visit that site to submit additional thoughts or comments at any time. As discussed on the 26<sup>th</sup>, a community workshop will take place later this spring. Please watch your email for announcements and an invitation to attend.

**An open-house style focus group for seniors** will take place at the **Bethpage Library on Wednesday, March 20th between 10AM and 12:00 PM.** Seniors who live in Bethpage are invited to come by any time between 10 and 12 noon on March 20th to learn more about the project and talk with members of the Project Team about issues and opportunities within downtown Bethpage, and share thoughts and recommendations for helping downtown Bethpage thrive again.

Thanks again for your time and your commitment to downtown Bethpage and this project. Remember, you can always visit [www.downtownbethpage.com](http://www.downtownbethpage.com) for updates about the project and to contact the project team, or by email at: [info@sustainableli.org](mailto:info@sustainableli.org).

**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.**

## Holy Week 2013

### March 25, Monday

Mass: 6:30, 9:00 A.M.  
3:00 - 5:00 P.M. Confessions  
7:00 - 8:00 P.M. Confessions

### March 26, Tuesday

Mass: 6:30, 9:00 A.M.  
7:00 - 8:00 P.M. Confessions

### March 27, Wednesday

Mass: 6:30, 9:00 A.M.  
7:00 - 8:00 P.M. Confessions

### March 28, Holy Thursday

9:00 A.M. Morning Prayer  
7:30 P.M. Liturgy of the Lord's Supper  
9:00 P.M. Adoration until 11:00 P.M.

### March 29, Good Friday

9:00 A.M. Morning Prayer  
10:00 A.M. Stations of the Cross -  
Bethpage State Park  
3:00 P.M. Liturgy of the Passion  
7:30 P.M. Liturgy of the Passion

### March 30, Holy Saturday

9:00 A.M. Morning Prayer  
1:00 P.M. Blessing of Bread/Food  
8:00 P.M. Easter Vigil

### March 31, Easter Sunday

Church: 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A.M.  
& 1:00 P.M. (Life Teen)  
Auditorium: 10:00 & 11:30 A.M.  
**NO EVENING MASS**

