

Masses For The Week**Monday - March 18**

6:30 Ray Leone
9:00 Marjorie Start

Tuesday - March 19

6:30 Ambrose & Elizabeth Hoolahan
9:00 Fred Strainese

Wednesday - March 20

6:30 Richard Wade
9:00 Antoinette DeLucia

Thursday - March 21

6:30 Joseph DeAngelo
9:00 Mary Corrigan

Friday - March 22

6:30 Muriel Clark
9:00 Peter Kilkenny

Saturday - March 23

9:00 **Multiple Intentions Announced**
5:00 Margaret McCabe & Family
7:00 Frances & Teofil Szmytkowski

Sunday - March 24

7:00 The People of the Parish
8:30 Josephine & John Cremmins
10:00 Carmine Vanturini
11:30 Tesoriero & Lazzati Families
1:00 Ivy Ostermeier
5:30 Teresa Briggs

Readings For The Week

Mon. Daniel 13:41c-62; John 8:12-20
Tues. 2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16
Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22; Matt. 1:16, 18-21
Wed. Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; John 8:31-42
Thurs. Genesis 17:3-9; John 8:51-59
Fri. Jeremiah 20:10-13; John 10:31-42
Sat. Ezekiel 37:21-28; John 11:45-56

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Procession with palms: Luke 19:28-40

Mass Readings:

Isaiah 50:4-7
Philippians 2:6-11
Luke 22:14-23:56



Saint Maria
Faustina

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

A New Pope for the Holy Roman Catholic Church!

Catholics throughout the world are celebrating the election of Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio of Argentina who has chosen the name of Francis.

Long live Pope Francis I!

**Reflection & Living Stewardship**

In today's second reading, St. Paul says, "For his sake I have forfeited everything: I have accounted all else rubbish so that Christ may be my wealth." Does my stewardship suggest that I could say the same?

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who, like Paul, help lead others to Jesus through service in our sacramental preparation ministries such as Pre-Cana, Baptismal Preparation, Confirmation Preparation, RCIA and First Holy Communion.



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.

St. Martin of Tours HOP Club

Mar. 11	#560	M/M Michael Croan	\$25.00
Mar. 12	#2	Erma Eichenlaub	\$25.00
Mar. 13	#308	Estelle & Ralph Prossimo	\$25.00
Mar. 14	#241	Josie Cahillane	\$25.00
Mar. 15	#232	John Speelman	\$250.00

Wedding Banns

3rd Nicholas Rini & Diana Colleluori
1st Timothy Kissane & Elizabeth Stea



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

Thank you to all for your tremendous donations to our food pantry. During the month of February, we were able to serve 703 people from 117 families.

This week, the pantry is low on: tuna fish, canned tomatoes, pasta sauce, pancake mix & syrup, ketchup & mustard, canned fruit, chili, peas, cream corn, jams & jellies, sugar, oil, shampoo, conditioner, toilet paper, laundry detergent, dish detergent, paper towels, tooth paste, tooth brushes, tissues, and diapers (sizes 5 & 6).

We are so grateful to Pat Ricci, who organized the Soup Supper, the Knights of Columbus, who contributed the rolls and to Vinnie Romano, who picked them up and delivered them to St Martin's. Thank you to all participants for the generous contribution of \$473.00 to the Pantry.

Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift**Last Week March 9/10 Collection**

Amount Budgeted: \$17,500.00

Amount Received: \$15,978.14

Easter Flowers: \$1,270.00

Thank you for your generosity & support!

Charismatic Prayer Group**Puzzles**

When I do puzzles with my grandchildren, I always start with the corner, then the edges and lastly the middle. But my grandson starts with the middle pieces and when he gets a few together he finds the piece on the edge that they fit into. He says he can see where each piece fits. Much like God and our puzzle pieces! He sees what pieces we need; where we need them and when. Come to our next meeting with your puzzle pieces! ***Our next meeting is Monday, March 18th at 7:30 PM in ST. ALPHONSUS HALL. Call (516) 993-9672 for any prayer requests or more information.***

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, 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 to reserve the mass you would like to serve. Many thanks!!



*Week of March 17 – 23, 2013
Altar Bread & Wine*

*In Loving Memory of
Joseph Cascini*

Rest in Peace

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

***August A. Sgaraglio, Mary Connelly
Joan Durant***

Letter from the Pastor

I am sure whether we are Irish or not, we all have our favorite Irish songs. Many would choose Danny Boy and long to hear “*the pipes they are calling*.” I know a favorite of many people is the haunting ballad *The Field of Athenry* which is a song about an Irishman who was exiled from his homeland for stealing a loaf of bread to feed his family. No doubt after a pint of *Guinness* or a shot of *Jamison*, you might find yourself breaking into *When Irish Eyes are Smiling*, or do your best Bing Crosby imitation by singing “*Tora Lora Lora, hush now don't you cry its an old Irish lullaby*.” I think it was George Bernard Shaw who said that the Irish sing happy songs about war and sad songs about love. I suppose that tells you a great deal about us. I have many favorite Irish songs but I love the song *When New York Was Irish* written by Terry Winch.

When New York Was Irish

Author: words & music by Terence Winch
Copyright: 1987 Green Linnet Music

I'll sing you a song of days long ago
When the people from Galway and the County Mayo
And all over Ireland came over to stay
And take up a new life in Americay

CHORUS:

*They were ever so happy, they were ever so sad
to grow old in a new world through good times and bad.
All the parties and weddings, the ceilis and wakes
when New York was Irish, full of joys and heartbreaks.*

*We worked on the subways, we ran the saloons.
We built all the bridges, we played all the tunes.
We put out the fires and controlled City Hall.
We started with nothing and wound up with it all.*

*You could travel from Kingsbridge to Queens or mid town
from Highbridge to Bay Ridge, from up town to down
from the East Side to the seaside's sweet summer scenes
We made New York City our island of dreams.*

*I look at the photos now brittle with time
of the people I cherished when the city was mine
O, how I loved all those radiant smiles
How I long for the days when we danced in the aisles.*



I remember having that song played at the funerals of both my mother and father. I certainly love that the song mentions the neighborhood that I grew up - Bay Ridge. I believe a version of this charming song could certainly be written for Bethpage and Long Island. We could sing when Bethpage was Irish or when Long Island was Irish. I believe this song could be written for every city and town, and in truth for every nationality that has come to the United States. We could sing when New York was Italian, German, Polish, Slovakian. It is the story of the immigrants to American, Irish of course, but waves of Italian, Polish, German, Jews, Slovakian, who came to this land. And the new generations, Vietnamese, Filipinos, Indians, Mexicans and Russians. We are a nation of immigrants. Each nationality and group has played a great role in building up our wonderful nation of the United States.

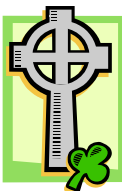


Since the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock in 1620, men and women from every nation and land have come to our shores to be greeted by the Lovely Lady in the Harbor who tell us: *"Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free. The wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me, I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"*

These immigrants have come seeking freedom, a better life for their family, and a land where they can live their faith without persecution. The immigrants have built the highway and bridges; they became police officers, firefighters, priests, brothers and nuns. Now, they are becoming doctors, scientists and teachers. Many of these people have come with a very strong Catholic faith. When they had little money, they built magnificent churches, schools, hospitals and nursing homes. They continue to do so. They have prayed in German, Italian, Polish, and Irish. When they landed at Ellis Island, they had in hand their passports, their prayer books and their rosaries. The immigrants brought the Catholic faith to America.

We are delighted that the Bethpage Saint Patrick's Parade Committee has chosen Deacon Thomas Hennessy as its Grand Marshal. Deacon Tom, a good and loving family man, has been a very important figure in building up the Catholic faith community here at St. Martin's Parish and in the town of Bethpage. Countless people have found comfort and strength in his words since he is a man who lives his Catholic faith in an outstanding way. Our parish is blessed to have him and his wife, Rocio and their children and grandchildren here at Mass today.

Today is a day for fun: Blarney, Kiss Me I'm Irish Buttons, funny hats, shillelaghs, Guinness, corned beef and cabbage, laughter and song. As the cold winter begins to lessen, we need to raise our spirits (but not with **too** many spirits). Still on this day as we remember our ancestors and family members who journeyed to America as immigrants, and who made certain that their Catholic faith was central to their lives, say a prayer for their eternal rest, and thank God, whatever your nationality of origin for the blessings of that race, and lift your heart in prayerful gratitude for our nation, our home, The United States of America.



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**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.

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



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

PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE

Friday, April 26th - 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.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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. 9: Youth Ministry Adoration 7PM
- Apr. 10: Christology course begins (Dcn Tom)
- Apr. 13: Book Club 10AM

**St. Martin of Tours
Bereavement Group**



For all those suffering the loss of a loved one, the Bereavement Group of St Martin of Tours is beginning again.

The group will start on Thursday, April 4 at 7:00 PM and meet weekly for 8 weeks until May 23 in the St. Alphonsus Hall. Please call the rectory to leave your name and number and you will be contacted.

***"Blessed are those who mourn,
for they shall be comforted."***

SAINT PADRE PIO HOLY HOUR

Please join us for the Padre Pio Holy Hour on Tuesday, March 19th at 7:00 p.m. in the Church.

His first and second class relics will be venerated.



St. Martin's Bible Camp Volunteers

I would like to call another meeting of our Bible Camp Volunteers for **Monday, March 25th at 7:30 p.m. at the Rectory**. I think there may be enough interest to move forward with this project.

If anyone indicated on the sign up form that you would like to volunteer, please come to this meeting.

Thank you. Father Pat



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!

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.

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HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

This 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!!

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.**

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

If you are going to see the St. Patrick's Day parade on 5th Ave. in Manhattan, or maybe watching it at home on TV, it is surely an event marked by the pride of the Irish people in this country. What makes it even more special is that every nationality and race join in, as all people come together to celebrate this tradition. It's a sight to behold! Music, pride and laughter...May God bless and keep you on this, Saint Patrick's Day!

St. Patrick's prayer for the faithful captures the wonderful spirit that made him Ireland's patron saint and one of the Church's most beloved missionaries. Born in Britain shortly before the 5th century, St. Patrick was taken captive to Ireland by raiders at the age of 16. He lived there for six years as a shepherd under harsh conditions and became intensely devoted to God in prayer, as he puts it, "because the spirit was then fervent within me." Tradition has it that divine dreams inspired both his escape from captivity in Ireland and his return there later in his life as a bishop. In this prayer he asks for God's help in various ways. St. Patrick was so successful in preaching the gospel and organizing the Church in Ireland, that he is largely credited with converting the Irish to Christianity. The emblems are the snakes that legends claim he drove out of Ireland and the shamrock he used to explain the Holy Trinity.

ST. PATRICK'S PRAYER

"May the Strength of God pilot us. May the Power of God preserve us. May the Wisdom of God instruct us. May the Hand of God direct us. May the Shield of God defend us. May the Host of God guard us. Against the snares of the evil ones,. Against temptations of the world. May Christ be with us! May Christ be before us! May Christ be in us, Christ be over all! May thy Salvation, Lord, always be ours, this day, O Lord, and evermore. Amen."



**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.

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.**

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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.)

A Great Experience of What It Means to be a Parish

On February 27th our parish celebrated its annual soup supper. I deliberately chose the word *celebrated* since I believe it was an experience of what a parish is at its very best. Let me explain.

The dinner began with a prayer. Certainly, all the activities of our parish, be it the Easter Vigil, a meeting of the CYO basketball coaches, a Eucharistic visitor to a homebound person, or a gathering of the Garden Committee are all about praising God and should have some focus on prayer.

The dinner was lay run. I had nothing do with the soup supper other than delighting in the soup and bread that were served, and I assure you that I did that very well. However, I must commend Father Henry for making soup. Part of being a Catholic, a member of a faith community, is a call to service. We do not help in the parish because the poor fathers are tired and need help. We serve one another in a parish because our very baptism is a called to help build up the Body of Christ by our ministry.

This was a night of community. Parishioners of all ages came together and broke bread and sipped soup. We enjoyed the company of one another and left the dinner nourished by the food we ate and the friendship we shared. A key aspect of a parish is to seek to build a community of believers who support each other in faith and in love. Everyone is welcome, whether bring a soup or make a donation. All are welcome at the table of the Lord and the tables of our parish.

Finally, our soup supper had a focus on those in our community who are in need. Granted none of us left the soup supper hungry, the idea of this meal was to raise our consciousness about those who have little to eat. It reminds us of the many who line up daily at soup lines because they are hungry. Also, the donations that were made at the soup supper were given to our Food Pantry which is our parish hands-on mission to help feed those in need, be they Catholic or not.

So our soup supper was our parish at its best: praying, ministering, being in community, and seeking to serve our brothers and sisters in need. I thank Pat Ricci, Ann Hughes and all the soup makers, the kitchen cleaners, and participants who made this such a special time in the life of our parish during Lent. I also want to thank the Hartigan Council of the Knights of Columbus for providing the rolls. I must stop writing now since I am going for some leftover wedding soup! - Father Pat

This and That

At this writing, we have begun our parish mission with Fathers James Wallace CSSR and Kevin O'Neil CSSR. They have been terrific as have all of you in your response. I am grateful to Ann Hughes for helping to coordinate the ministers for the mission as well as to Elena, the musicians and the singers. Thank you for your enthusiastic presence at the mission services.

I am grateful to you for your prayers while I was giving a mission with Father John McGowan at Our Lady of Hope in Middle Village. I think the people were happy with the mission. I met several people who had connections to our parish and they had been told to attend the mission by someone from St. Martin's. Thank you for being such good evangelists!

I thank Chapey Funeral Home for donating the prayer cards that we used in prayer for the election of the new Holy Father. I have told the Cardinals to take my name out of the running since the Vatican does not receive the Mets game on Vatican Radio! - Father Pat

ST. MARTIN OF TOURS BAPTISM PROGRAM

Baptisms are scheduled for Sunday afternoons at 3:00 PM. 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. 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 or Pat (516) 796-1320.

DUNKIN DONUTS

A special *"Thank You!"* goes out to Lou Brienza, owner of the local Dunkin Donuts, 515 Stewart Avenue in Bethpage.

Lou generously contributed boxes of Munchkins® to be enjoyed after the morning mission talks in St. Alphonsus Hall.

"Thank you, Lou!"

POSITION AVAILABLE

Security guard needed for a small long term facility in Queens. The position is temporary part-time for the evening and night shifts. NYS security guard certification a plus. Please fax resume 718-464-4308.

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!*

8th Annual St. Patrick's Spring Car Show



St. Patrick School in Smithtown will host its 8th Annual Spring Car Show on the grounds of St. Patrick Church on Sunday, April 14th (rain date April 21st) from 9 AM to 4 PM. All are invited to enjoy a day of fun for the whole family.

Admission is \$5 for adults, no charge for children. Car enthusiasts are invited to bring their cars, motorcycles and trucks. Show will include a large section of movie replicas, monster trucks, and a huge variety of cars.

Admission for cars is \$15 and \$5 for motorcycles. All car clubs and private owners are welcome. The first 200 cars receive a goodie bag. Craft vendor space is also available.

If you would like to display your car, truck or motorcycle, or if you are interested in vendor space, call John Forlenza at 631-588-2696.



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

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
or Visit 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**

The last of the Friday night Stations of the Cross will be this Friday, March 22 at 7:30PM in the church. Please see the complete Holy Week and Easter schedule on page 15.

THE LONG ISLAND CATHOLIC HAS A GREAT WEBSITE!

Now that the *Long Island Catholic Magazine* is underway, we are happy to announce the development of the Long Island Catholic website: www.licatholic.org.

We encourage you to go to this vibrant and current source of information concerning ideas and events in the Diocese of Rockville Centre. Bishop Murphy has a blog on this website and he welcomes interaction with you. Rick Hinshaw, George Weigel, Father Bob Lauder, and Msgr. Jim McNamara are regular columnists.

There is news not only about current events in our Diocese but also news about our Holy Father and the Vatican. All it takes is a click of a button at www.licatholic.org. Why not add it to your favorites?

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. The performance will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Church and should last approximately 45 minutes.



Come and experience Christ's walk down the *Via Dolorosa*.

HOLY WEEK ON TV

Catholic news coverage is available on the **Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN)** for the following Long Island television stations.

Direct TV - Channel 370
Dish Network TV - Channel 261
Verizon FiOS TV - Channel 285
Verizon FiOS TV - Channel 1741 in Spanish
Cablevision TV - Channel 135
Cablevision TV - Channel 1097 in Spanish

Don't miss all the Holy Week services from the Vatican.

Arnold Pilsner
EWTN Media Missionary Coordinator
for Long Island

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

