

### Masses For The Week

#### Monday - April 15

6:30 Anna Alfinito  
9:00 Anna Marshall

#### Tuesday - April 16

6:30 William Feminella  
9:00 Margaret K. Lomnitzer

#### Wednesday - April 17

6:30 Vincent Busuttill  
9:00 Ann Susi

#### Thursday - April 18

6:30 Veronica Lawlor  
9:00 Jim Wilson

#### Friday - April 19

6:30 Antoinette Chiampou  
9:00 Girolama Raccuglia

#### Saturday - April 20

9:00 **Multiple Intentions Announced at Mass**  
5:00 Christine Grace Seddio  
7:00 Madeline T. Stein

#### Sunday - April 21

7:00 The People of the Parish  
8:30 Al Kump  
10:00 James & Lillian Manzolillo  
11:30 David Biggin  
1:00 Patrick J. Hughes  
5:30 Walter Horan

### Readings For The Week

Mon. Acts 6:8-15; John 6:22-29  
Tues. Acts 7:51-8:1a; John 6:30-35  
Wed. Acts 8:1b-8; John 6:35-40  
Thurs. Acts 8:26-40; John 6:44-51  
Fri. Acts 9:1-20; John 6:52-59  
Sat. Acts 9:31-42; John 6:60-69  
Sun. **Acts 13:14, 43-52** Paul and Barnabas traveled to Antioch where they entered the synagogue to teach. Some Jews became their followers while other expelled them from the town. "So they shook the dust from their feet" and went on to Iconium.

**Revelation 7:9, 14b-17** The author of Revelation had a vision of a large crowd of people from every nation and race, dressed in white robes and holding palm branches, standing before the Lamb.

**John 10:27-30** "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life...No one can take them out of my hand. My Father...is greater than all...The Father and I are one."



Saint Maria Faustina

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

### Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift

#### Weekend Collection for April 6/7

Amount Budgeted: \$17,500.00  
Amount Received: \$18,846.26  
Easter: \$ 2,819.00

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

### Reflection & Living Stewardship



In today's Gospel, Jesus tells Peter again and again, "If you love Me, feed my sheep." He says the same to each of us, "If you love Me, use the gifts I have given you to serve your brothers and sisters."

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who, out of love for Jesus, share their gifts of time, talent and resources to help one another, both within our parish as well as the wider community.

### Charismatic Prayer Group

#### **AFRAID OF THE DARK?**

Who isn't occasionally! Darkness comes in many forms. There's the lights-out at bedtime, but there's also the darkness of addiction, illness, unemployment and depression. Give your fears to Jesus. **He IS the Light of the world.** With His Light, you can conquer your darkness! **Our next meeting is Monday April 15th at 7:30 p.m. in the Church. Call (516) 993-9672 for any prayer requests or more information.**

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 especially during this Easter Season.



### St. Martin of Tours HOP Club

Apr. 8 #109	M/M Martin Laraia	\$25.00
Apr. 9 #88	Marie D'Elia	\$25.00
Apr. 10 #15	M/M Eugene Maccarone	\$25.00
Apr. 11 #621	John Crofton	\$25.00
Apr. 12 #424	Anna O'Connor	\$50.00

***St. Martin of Tours Wedding Banns*****No announcements**

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



Thanks to all for your continued generosity to those in need.

This week the Pantry could use coffee, tea, hearty soups, pasta (no elbows or spaghetti), janes or jellies, canned fruit, Jello, peas, mixed vegetables, toilet paper, paper towels, tissues, dish soap, juice and juice boxes and toothpaste.

**Food Pantry:**

208 Broadway, Bethpage

Monday: 9:30AM - 2:30PM

Thursday: 2:00PM – 7:00PM

Phone: (516) 931-7332

**Reaching out in Faith and Charity**

We received a call from St. Paul Lutheran Church in Bethpage about a family in need. The husband works ten hours a day and the wife is suffering from acute leukemia

The family has twins who are two years old and a seven year old. St. Paul is providing day care gratis for the twins. They are a small faith community and wonder if we might be willing to help the wife with some shopping and light housework when she is too sick from treatments.

If you are willing to help in any way, please call our parish office at 516 931-0818 and we will get you in touch with the family. God bless them in their struggle. - Father Pat CSSR

**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, William John Staudt, Jimmy Stiffa  
Sharon Shiepkio, Christopher Gratton, John Mitchell  
Salvatore Accardi Mary Donahoe, Robert Cakoyanis  
Christine Ketchem, Peggy Namiotka, Pat Cannata  
Barbara Thompson, Nicole Cagna, Donald Castor,  
Barbara Mangiamiele, Joann Bruno, Nick Markakis  
Patsy Carni*

**Adult Confirmation**

Any adult interested in being confirmed on Pentecost Sunday, May 19, 2013, please call Deacon Jim Biggin at (516) 822-9768 or home (516) 796-5520.

Classes will begin on Monday, April 8, 2013 and will continue for three successive Mondays.

Baptism and Eucharist are required for reception of the sacrament of Confirmation.



*Week of April 14 - 20, 2013  
Altar Bread & Wine  
In Loving Memory of  
Bill Long*

***Rest in Peace***

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

***Richard F. McKenna, John Gangemi  
Antoinette E. Cramer***

## *Message from the Pastor*

Last week, twenty-seven year old, Matthew Warren committed suicide. Matthew was the son of Pastor Rick Warren of the renowned Saddleback Church community in California. Rick Warren is one of the most famous pastors in America and some consider him the successor to Billy Graham as the key leader of the evangelical movement. I read his widely successful book, the *Purpose Driven Life*, and found it to be a very moving, spiritual book. In 2008, Pastor Warren interviewed, in separate television events, the candidates running for president at the time - Barack Obama and John McCain. Warren wrote this to his Congregation about his son's death: "My son, Matthew Warren, 27, committed suicide in a momentary wave of despair at the end of a lifetime struggle with mental illness, dark holes of depression and even suicidal thoughts."

On different websites, many people have offered the Warren family messages of prayer and consolation. Sad to say, some have written incredibly mean-spirited words of hate, suggesting that religion is the source of problems in the world, or even worse, that Matthew was doomed to hell for committing suicide. These vicious people seek to blame the pastor and his family for their son's death and suggest that faith is a fraud because of what happened. At times in life, I find myself amazed at the goodness of people, and there are other times, when I can only shake my head in shock at the evil acts of some others.

Suicide is a tragic reality that touches many families, be they devoutly religious or hardened atheists. Several years ago, when I was the superior of the East Coast Redemptorists, one of my confreres took his own life. He had battled depression for years, and had been to the best doctors and programs that could be found to help him with his internal pain. His death left all his family and friends with so many questions. I still wonder if I could have done something differently that might have helped.

There was a time when the Catholic Church would not bury a person who committed suicide since it was considered a mortal sin. However, as we have come to learn more about the human mind through psychology and medicine, we now have funerals for those who take their own lives. It is believed that a person who takes his or her own life is truly not free. They are captured by the power of depression or mental illness. They are in such pain that they are blinded and see no other way of escape from their hurt. Our Catholic theology states that a person must be free to commit a mortal sin; it is hard to think anybody in their correct and free mind would choose to take their own life. In addition to the terrible pain that family and friends feel at the loss of their loved one, they are also left with haunting and painful questions. I often think that, in addition to the person who takes his or her life, there are many other victims drawn in through the death. Many family members and friends suffer guilt and wonder if they somehow could have prevented the suicide. Suicide is a devastating event for an entire family and community.

Many people suffer from various degrees of depression. Depression is a serious illness, like cancer, diabetes, or heart trouble. Sometimes well-intentioned people tell those suffering with depression "to snap out of it," or "get over it and move on!" We would not say such words to a person with cancer; we would tell them to get medical attention. Gratefully, most people who suffer with serious depression are not suicidal. Still as family and friends, we need to strongly encourage them to seek medical attention.

Serious bouts of depression do not suggest any lack of faith on the part of the person who is experiencing this illness. I have found that some depressed people feel they are not living their faith because they are doubting God's love and in such darkness. In truth, some of the greatest saints of the Catholic Church struggled with darkness and depression. I was amazed when I read that St. Thérèse's own blood sisters feared that she might commit suicide since she was in such physical and emotional pain. As a priest, I am always moved by what people carry inside their hearts and souls. Some people have so many eternal worries about relationships, finances, and medical concerns; others have powerful intense internal struggles. Sometimes even their own family and friends do not know what their loved one is bearing.

A burden shared is almost always lightened. I strongly encourage anyone who feels the burden of depression or any other form of mental illness to seek help as soon as possible. I also invite any family members who may continue to struggle with deep guilt about the death of another to seek assistance. Faith in Jesus Christ does not take away our troubles. Faith reminds us that we never walk alone and that God is with us in our struggles. Faith calls us as a community of believers to seek to help one another carry their pain. We need each other to meet the living God. May the peace of Christ fill your heart and heal you where you hurt.

Father Pat CSSR  
woodscsr@aol.com  
[www.smtbethpage.org](http://www.smtbethpage.org)

## RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

**LIFE CENTER OF LONG ISLAND**

"According to the Center for Disease Control, New York State has the MOST induced abortions in the nation. In 2009 there were 119,996 total abortions, and Governor Cuomo, with enacting his REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH ACT (RHA) S.438 (Stewart-Cousing), would increase this number dramatically. There are several components to this bill that are troubling:

- The bill would endanger women's health and lives because it allows NON-PHYSICIANS TO PERFORM ABORTIONS.
- The bill amends the penal code to ALLOW LATE-TERM, THIRD-TRIMESTER ABORTIONS.
- The bill states that the STATE CANNOT DENY, REGULATE OR RESTRICT ABORTIONS in any way. This means widely supported protections such as PARENTAL NOTIFICATION and LIMITS ON TAXPAYER FUNDING OF ABORTIONS will be prohibited by law.

For us at the LIFE CENTER, this bill seriously threatens conscience protections. If an individual or organization (like the Life Center) objected to REFERRING OR COUNSELING FOR abortion, they would be DENIED ALL STATE FUNDING AND BE INDIRECTLY PRESSURED TO SHUT DOWN!

As if the above is not bad enough, Governor Cuomo has proposed a 6% state funding cut to services for people with developmental disabilities. Now more than ever we need to "storm" Heaven with prayers and to call our NYS legislators to oppose the radical changes the Governor wants to make. To find out more about how to contact NYS legislators contact [www.NYSCatholicConference.org](http://www.NYSCatholicConference.org)."

*For all God's children, Lorraine Gariboldi, Executive Director*

Senate Legislative Building, Albany NY 12247/Senate Switchboard 518-455-2800

Assembly Member Legislative Building, Albany 12248 Assembly Switchboard 518-455-4100

*NYS Legislative Action can be observed LIVE during session on Cablevision Ch. 116.*

**Real Girl Magazine** was launched in 2011. **Real Girl** encourages girls to be exactly who God created them to be. Go to [www.realgirlmag.com](http://www.realgirlmag.com) to read an issue or subscribe. Find on Facebook.com/realgirlmag or twitter@realgirlmag. Adapted from AFA Journal 1/2013. Source: LCLI Life News April

**Life Center of Long Island Baby Shower**

**Saturday, May 18th & Sunday, May 19th**

**in the Fellowship Area (Seaman Avenue side) After All Weekend Masses**

The month of May is filled with celebrating Mother's Day. We would once more ask you to celebrate the birth of babies by donating what you can to the Life Center. These mothers and their babies are in need of:



Baby wipes, diapers, formula, breast pumps, baby powder, oil, swabs, monitors, car seats, pack & plays, baby clothing - newborn to toddler size 3. Slightly used items are welcomed.

***Thank you for your constant support and generosity!***

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Apr. 13/14: HEC raffle sale
- Apr. 13/14: Drumline fundraiser ticket sale
- Apr. 16: Padre Pio Holy Hour
- Apr. 20/21: Drumline fundraiser ticket sale
- Apr. 26: Life Teen's Annual Auction
- Apr. 27: First Holy Communion 10:30 & 1PM
- Apr. 28: *Damien* Performance by Casey Groves
- May 4: First Holy Communion 10:30 & 1PM
- May 11: First Holy Communion 10:30
- May 14: Youth Ministry Adoration 7:00 PM
- May 18/19: Life Center of L.I. Baby Shower
- May 20: Knights of Columbus BLOOD DRIVE

### **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.

### **HANDICAPPED ENCOUNTER CHRIST - HEC**

#### **Helping Men and Women Who Are Physically & Mentally Challenged**

For the last month or so you have been made aware of HEC's retreat weekend scheduled from April 25th - 28th through postings in the bulletin. It is a weekend that Deacon Frank and Michelle Barone from our neighboring parish of St. Kilian have been organizing for many years. **To help with the cost, raffle tickets will be sold after all masses THIS weekend April 13th and 14th in the Fellowship area (Seaman Avenue side) of the church.** Tickets are \$1 each, 6 tickets for \$5 or a full book of 30 for \$25. The raffle drawing will be held on Saturday April 27th offering the following prizes:

- 1st Prize: Digital Camera
- 2nd Prize: Portable DVD Player
- 3rd Prize: Two Yankee tickets (apologies to Father Pat!)
- ...and many other prizes.

If you would like to pre-order tickets, you can do so by emailing Carol Smith at parent-lifeonedge@aol.com. Any support you can give would be most appreciated. God bless you and a Happy and Blessed Easter Season from all of us connected with HEC!

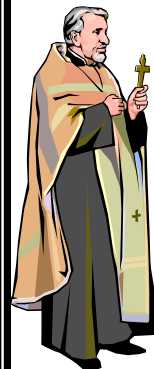
### FOR HELP IN A CRISIS PREGNANCY

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, Catho-  
lic Home Bureau 1(800) 592-4357.

### *Saint Padre Pio Holy Hour*



Please join us on Tuesday,  
April 16th at 7:00 PM in the  
Eucharistic Chapel for this  
revered devotion to Saint Padre  
Pio. His relics will be venerat-  
ed. Everyone Welcome!



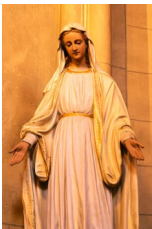
St. Martin's Life Teen program is for all high school aged teens (9th-12th grade). Life Teen gathers every Sunday for the 5:30pm Youth Mass and every Sunday night from 7-8:30pm in the Youth Center (room 107 of the school) for our Life Nights. Each week we gather to grow in faith and friendship with Christ & each other. Check out our parish website for a calendar of events at [www.smtbethpage.org](http://www.smtbethpage.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.



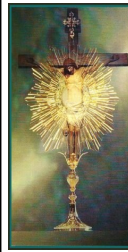
Parent Life is designed to give parents an opportunity to support their parish ministry programs while strengthening their own relationship with Christ and His Church. Parent Life meets once a month on Sundays following the 5:30pm Mass in the school building. **All parents and adults are welcome!**



A parishioner made a donation to the parish because a favor was granted to her through the intercession of the Blessed Mother.

She asked that she be allowed to make a witness to this grace in our bulletin.

## 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, May 14th. 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!

## **The Long Island Harmonizers present**



**Saturday, April 20 (8pm) and  
Sunday, April 21 (3pm)**

**Carle Place High School**

**Seniors and students  
\$13 in advance**

**General admission  
and at the door \$15**

**For information and tickets  
Call 516-938-4272**

## 2013 Over The Edge Charity Event to Help Raise Funds For FREE Drumline

The F.R.E.E. Players Drumline, made up of mentally and physically challenged individuals, has been invited to perform on stage at Disney World in May. Two of our own parishioners, Altar Server Jenny Pace and former Folk Group drummer, Steve Malerba, are members of the Drumline.



Please support the Drumline's efforts to raise funds for the trip to Orlando by attending a "Flapjack Breakfast at Applebee's" on SATURDAY, APRIL 27th from 8 to 10AM. Tickets for the breakfast are on sale in the Fellowship Area (Seaman Avenue side) after most Masses this weekend and next weekend. If you cannot attend the breakfast, a small donation would be greatly appreciated.

### Saint Anthony's High School

We are happy to list the following parishioners attending St. Anthony High School and who have made the Third Quarter Honor Roll.

Liam Furboter  
Vincent Giuliano  
Lauren Moratti  
Matthew Musetich  
Serena Pergola  
Kaitlin Skrypek  
Christopher Vaglica

### Project HOPE Helping you recover from Hurricane Sandy

A representative of Project HOPE will be speaking at all Masses the weekend of April 20th and 21st.

Project HOPE is funded through a grant by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and administered by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

Project HOPE is a program of the NYS Office of Mental Health.

### Pro Bikers for Life Sunday, April 21, 2013 3:00—4:00 PM

Light refreshments at 2:25 PM

Molloy College  
1000 Hempstead Avenue  
Rockville Centre  
Amphitheater  
Kellenberg Hall, North Wing  
Speakers: Founding members of  
Pro-Bikers for Life and Molloy College Campus Ministries  
Contact Jane Gilroy  
(516) 379-5409  
jgilroy@molloy.edu

# **St. Martin of Tours/K of C #5033 Catholic War Veterans #1938 Blood Drive**



**Monday, May 20, 2013  
2:30pm - 8:30pm  
517 Central Avenue, Bethpage  
K of C Hall**

**Your donation will help to save up to THREE lives. Our community hospitals need your help. Please share this lifesaving gift! Thank you for caring!**

**Eligibility Criteria:**

- Bring ID with signature or photo.
- Minimum weight 110 lbs.
- Age 16 - 75 (16 year olds must have parental permission. Age 76 and over need doctor's note)
- Eat well (low fat) & drink fluids
- No tattoos for past 12 months
  - For questions concerning medical eligibility call 1-800-688-0900.

 **New York** *Blood Center*

**For more information or to schedule an appointment, please contact:  
Jack Batt @ (516) 868-8192**

**The Diocese of Rockville Centre  
GOLDEN WEDDING LITURGY  
Honoring Couples Married  
Fifty Years or More**



This spring, couples that have been married 50 or more years will be honored **on Sunday, May 5 at the Church of Maria Regina in Seaford. The liturgy will begin at 2:30 p.m.** Couples please register by calling the Rectory at 931-0818 and ask about the registration form.

*Forms must be received by the Office of Worship by April 18 for the May 5 liturgy.* There will be additional celebrations in the fall for those who may find that more convenient. If you have any questions, please call the Diocese at 516-678-5800 x 207.

**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>.

St. Martin of Tours  
**Youth Ministry**  
Presents:  
**Our 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Auction**

**April 26th  
7pm**

**Grand Prizes,  
50/50 &  
Door Prizes**

SMT Edge

SMT Life Teen

For more info  
contact Erin  
[EKHoran@Yahoo.com](mailto:EKHoran@Yahoo.com)

All Proceeds help fund our trip  
to the Steubenville East Youth  
Conference and a week long  
stay at Camp Veritas!

## Rebuilt

I recently read an excellent book about a Catholic parish in the suburbs of Baltimore. The book is called ***Rebuilt*** by Father Michael White and Mr. Tom Corcoran. It is the story of how they took a dying parish and brought it back to the point where they have overflowing crowds. As I read it, I appreciated how much life and energy we have here in St. Martin of Tours and what committed parishioners we have. We do not face the many problems that these two men did in their parish. We are a very alive and vital parish. Still I think there are many things, especially about evangelization, that we might learn from reading the book.

***Evangelization*** is a very popular word in church circles; quite simply, *it means that I love my faith and I am happy to share it with others who might also come to love it.* The authors, in line with the teaching of the Church, say that this is really one of the primary missions of a parish.

I hope to present some thoughts from this book from time to time in the bulletin. I would be happy to loan any parishioner a copy of the book under three conditions:

- 1) you read it
- 2) you read it in one month
- 3) you write a brief paragraph for the bulletin about your thoughts on the book.

*What a great deal: to be published!*

### Quotes from the Book:

*The parish is where the Church lives. Parishes are communities of faith, of action, of hope. They are the Gospel proclaimed and celebrated, where believers are formed and sent to renew the earth. Parishes are the home of the Christian community; they are the heart of the Church. (From the American Bishops)*

*The parish is the front line of the Church and the new evangelization. (From the Introduction by Cardinal Dolan)*

*We need an evangelization strategy that is intentionally focused on the former Catholic at the parish level. (From the Introduction by Cardinal Dolan)*

- Father Pat CSSR

## Saint Damien of Molokai Performance

**We are delighted to welcome back Mr. Casey Groves to St. Martin of Tours on Sunday evening, April 28<sup>th</sup>, at 7:15 p.m. for a one person performance of *Damien*.**



On February 22<sup>nd</sup>, Casey gave a wonderful performance on the life of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos. I believe that those who attended were very moved by the performance.

Since Mr. Groves will be back in the northeast, I have invited him to do his one person play on Saint Damien of Molokai, the great apostle to the lepers of this Hawaiian island. (see the biography below). There is no charge to attend, but you are invited to make a free will donation at the end of the performance if you wish.

- Father Pat CSSR