Masses For The Week

Monday - May 6

Antonio, Felicia & Rich Saulino 6:30

9:00 Lawrence & Larry Luizzi

Tuesday - May 7

Thomas & Mary Garone 6:30

9:00 Sonia & Wallace Kankas

Wednesday - May 8

Frank J. Schneberger 6:30 9:00 Katherine Spindler

7PM Robert Coveney, Anniv. (Ascension Vigil)

Thursday - May 9 The Ascension of the Lord 6:30

9:00 Hanley & Rochford Families

12 Noon Angela, Thomas & Vincent Critelli

7PM Rev. Eugene F. Donnelly

Friday - May 10

6:30 Paul & Mary Parsnick

9:00 Joe Vassallo, Anniversary

Saturday - May 11

9:00 **Multiple Intentions Announced at Mass**

5:00 Inez & Louis Serventi

7:00 William Csaiko

Sunday - May 12

7:00 The People of the Parish

8:30 Rita Carroll

10:00 Dec'd Members of the Rasmussen Family

11:30 Mary O'Neil

1:00 Kathleen A. Smith, Children & Family, LIVING

5:30 Lucy Speelman

Readings For The Week

Mon. Acts 16:11-15; John 15:26-16:4a Tues. Acts 16:22-34; John 16:5-11

Wed. Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; John 16:12-15

Thurs Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23; Lk 24:46-53

Fri. Acts 18:9-18; John 16:20-23 Acts 18:23-28; John 16:23b-28 Sat.

Acts 7:55-60 Stephen was filled with the Ho-Sun. ly Spirit as he looked up to heaven. He said he saw Jesus standing in glory at God's right hand. Afterwards, they threw him out of the city and stoned him to death.

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20 The voice of the Lord is heard saying, "I am the Alpha and the Omega...the beginning and the end." The Spirit beckoned the Lord to come, and the Lord replied, "I am coming soon."

John 17:20-26 Jesus prayed for his disciples, "may all be one as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me.'



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 27/28

Amount Budgeted: \$17,500.00 Amount Received: \$16,988.05

Thank you for your generosity & support!

Reflection & Living Stewardship



Stewardship Today's reading from Revelation offers a vision of the City of God, the new Jerusalem. The bishops' pastoral

on stewardship reminds us, "that 'life to come' is in continuity with this present life through the human goods, the worthy human purposes, which people foster now."

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who assist others in deepening their relationship with Christ through evangelization, catechesis and ongoing formation.



Please pray for the women and men in our! Military and their families and friends as they selflessly protect and defend our nation l against all forms of terrorism especially during this Faster Season.

Charismatic Prayer Group



God's colors are coming back! My aranddauahter was amazed when she saw a pink tree! I had to explain how 🖥 the trees that look dead get their colors back in the spring. It's the same

with us. We may feel lifeless, but God's "colors" are inside each of us. Let the beauty out!

Our next meeting is Monday May 6th at 7:30 p.m. in St. Alphonsus Hall. Call (516) 993-9672 for any prayer requests or more information.

St. Martin of Tours HOP Club

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Apr 29	#537	M/M George Rivera	\$25.00
Apr 30	#423	Mary Pat Goggin	\$25.00
May 1	#223	Joseph Ingenito	\$25.00
May 2	#576	Lorraine Nolan	\$25.00
May 3	#264	Carmela & Michael Mandiello	\$50.00

St. Martin of Tours Wedding Banns

3rd Bobby Kim and Alyson Ferraro 2nd Ryan Maestri and Hallie Samuels 1st Brian Severin and Diana Gianuzzi





Whatever you do for one of these, the least of my sisters & brothers, 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), jams 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

Guided Meditation

The next guided meditation is this Sunday, May 5th at approximately 6:30 p.m. after the 5:30 Life Teen Mass. It will surely help you to relax and replenish with the gospel allowing for reflection and introspection with the Holy Spirit.

The meditation will last about a half hour. Many parishioners have found meditation a very helpful way to assist in their prayer life as a way of communicating with the Holy Spirit within themselves and thus reducing stress.

> All are welcome! - Father Pat

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 Shiepko, Christopher Gratton, John Mitchell Salvatore Accardi, Mary Donahoe, Robert Cakoyanis Christine Ketchem, Peggy Namiotka, Pat Cannata Barbara Thompson, Nicole Cagna, Donald Castor Barbara Mangiamele, Joann Bruno, Nick Markakis Patsy Carni, Henry & Marie Niemczyk, Dorothy Quinn

THE FAMILY MASS

Pentecost Sunday is May 19th. I would like to do something special for the children at the 10:00 a.m. Mass and I could use a few volunteers to help with the Mass.

Please email woodscssr@aol.com if you can help.

Thank you! Father Pat



Week of May 5 - May 11, 2013 Altar Bread & Wine In Loving Memory of

Willy Krupitsch

Rest in Peace Acts 7:49: "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Mary Ann von Guerard, Joseph N. DiGilio

Rose Marie Damato

Message from the Pastor

I love first communions here at St. Martin's. Our coordinators, Pat Ryan and Laura Leigh Agnese, Deacon Jim Biggin, all the teachers and staff, Elena Scollo and the musicians all make the day very special for the children making their first communion, as well as for their parents and family. The children are so beautifully dressed, full of innocence and faith in their hearts, as they come forward to receive the Body and Blood of Jesus for the first time. I am most grateful for the wonderful men and women who give so much of their time and talent to help form our children in the Catholic faith. God bless them.

I was disappointed that I will be missing the first two weeks of our first communions. The first week I was in Fayetteville, North Carolina, serving as the sponsor for my oldest great nephew, Thomas Patrick. He took the name St. Martin of Tours; I am not sure if he did this in honor of me or because he owns a horse and loves to ride. St. Martin is a patron of horses and those who ride them. He told me that he wants to eventually manage a horse farm and will major in this field in college. I shared with him my vast knowledge of *Mr. Ed*, the talking horse who spoke to Wilbur, his owner.

This week, I will be giving Fiona Grace, a great niece, her first communion in St. Patrick's in Brooklyn. Since I missed her mother Claire's first communion more than thirty years ago, I still carry guilt that we Irish are so skilled in nurturing. Now I feel guilty for missing our parish first communions so I need to re-read my old talk on dealing with guilt. I found that the previous fifty readings from guilt situations in my life have not helped that much.

I have been thinking about stewardship a great deal since I became pastor here at St. Martin's. Quite honestly, it was a word that I heard a great deal but never thought much about since I was an administrator of the Redemptorists for many years. I did talk in general about the term to my confreres, but I have an entirely new understanding of this spiritual term since I have been reading about it, meeting with other members of the parish, and consulting experts.

The term stewardship is about gratitude to God. It is truly a mindset that is not easy for any of us to attain, although I have met many people here in St. Martin's who have modeled this great virtue for me. Simply put, I have heard so many people say to me: God has been so good to me; I want to give back to him since I am so blessed and grateful. That sentence captures stewardship better than one hundred books on the topic. What amazes me is that some of the people who say this to me have very hard lives, sometimes battling life-threatening illnesses, tragedies in their families, and are of every economic situation. Gratitude is a gift from God.

I love what St. Therese said at the end of her life: *All is Grace*. Everything, our very life, our families and friends, our homes, however many years God gives us, the wonder of the world around us, our talents and unique personalities, every heartbeat, breath and moment is a gift from God. When we truly know and appreciate that, we are on the road to a grateful heart that wishes to respond to God's love.

When people hear the word stewardship, I think their hearts flutter a bit as they think to themselves, *Father* is going to ask us for money. It is true that we may well be moving toward a capital campaign to help us in the care of St. Martin's property and wonderful buildings that you and those who have gone before you have created.

But part of my biggest concern is that we do not think about stewardship as being only about money. It is not. For me, all three aspects of stewardship - time, talent, and treasure - are integral to any understanding of stewardship. When we have grateful hearts, we want to give God and his family our time, our abilities and support. At St. Martin's we have a long history of sharing these gifts with God and others.

As I thought about stewardship in the context of my recent trip, I found the hardest part of going to Thomas' confirmation was giving of my time. I wanted to be here at St. Martin's where I have many things I would like to be doing. The hassle of the traveling is always a pain in the neck - or other possible places - as I think about the airline seats. I did not have to share my abilities on the weekend, other than to be a proud and supportive uncle. The cost of the flight was expensive, but it was the loss of time that I felt the most. Still, I am so grateful to belong to a loving family that has always supported me, and I felt happy to give back to them.

I think it is far easier for people to give money to a project or a goal than to give up their time. We are so pressed for time in today's world. In many families, both parents are working; and still, all the child-rearing, the housekeeping, and family life must be done. There are so many activities the children are involved in such as sports and dance. Even as we get older and retire, each day seems filled with so many things to do. To give our time to God, to our family, to our parishioners is to truly share ourselves. When we see our precious children stepping forth to say *Amen* to Jesus and his Body, we are conscious that so many people shared their time and talent to make this happen. May God give us all grateful and generous hearts in response to his love. We pray the words of *Psalm 112: How can I repay the LORD for all the good that he has done for me?*

Father Pat, CSSR woodscssr@aol.com www.smtbethpage.org

Free Religious Education of the Children In the Diocese of San Fernando, La Union, Philippines

The Philippine Madrigal Singers In Concert

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May 31, 2013 @ 7:30 PM St. Frances de Chantal Parish Church Wantagh

Tickets at \$50 - available at
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For inquiries, call Fr. Gius
516 785-2333 x228 or
frgius@me.com
Check out:
www.philippinemadrigalsingers.com

Ascension Thursday

The Feast of The Ascension of the Lord is Thursday, May 9th, a holy day of obligation. The Mass schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, May 8th Vigil of The Ascension @ 7:00 PM

Thursday, May 9th

The Ascension of the Lord 6:30 AM; 9:00 AM; 12 Noon and 7:00 PM

The Rectory office will be closed on Ascension Thursday in observance of the holy day. It will open on Friday, May 10th at 9:00 AM.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 5: Guided Meditation after 5:30 mass
- May 7: Christian Mothers Crowning of Mary
- May 11: First Holy Communion 10:30 AM
- May 11/12 Youth Ministry Flower Sale
- 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
- May 29: Full of Grace Presentation 7:00 PM
- June 4: Book Club Meeting 7:15 PM

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!



If anyone is interested in joining the **LEGION OF MARY**, please call the rectory at 931-0818 and leave your name and phone number and someone will contact you.

Meetings will be at 208 Broadway (Parish Outreach building).

The object of the Legion of Mary is the glory of God and the grace of His Mother through the holiness of its members developed by prayer and active cooperation in Mary's and the Church's work.

If you would like to learn even more, go to www.LegionofMary.

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.

St. Martin of Tours/K of C #5033
Catholic War Veterans #1938
BLOOD DRIVE

Monday, May 20th; 2:30pm - 8:30pm 517 Central Avenue Bethpage Knights of Columbus

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.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, please contact:

Jack Batt @ (516) 868-8192

▲ New York Blood Center

St. Martin's Life Teen program LIFE is for all high school aged teens (9th-12th grade). Life Teen gath-

ers 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 www.smtbethpage.org or contact Erin EKHoran@yahoo.com.

The Edge program is for all mid-dle 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 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!

EUCHARISTIC 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 adora-

tion of the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The music and praise that are lifted up to Heaven will bring you to a place of peace and hope, and leave you with a deeper yearning of He who was, He who is and He who is to come! Everyone is welcome!

Christian Mothers Rosary Confraternity A Special Message to Our Members

Dues are in order. They are \$10 per year. Many members are asking about being a "Member in Good Standing." As a member in good standing, you can:

- Run for office
- Vote in elections Receive Healing Mass Cards for sick mem-
- Receive memorial cards for a deceased mother, father, husband or child
- Special wake service for the Christian Mother Rosarian
- Honor guard at the funeral mass

Any member who wants to return to be reinstated can please call Louise Smith at 735-1375, and she will check your standing. So far we have had several members reinstated and experienced how happy they are to return.

If you would like to pay your dues for 2012-2013, send a check payable to CMRC and address it to: Louise Smith

3794 Windsor Drive, Bethpage NY 11714

For a membership card, please enclose a selfaddressed stamped envelope and one will be sent to you. The continued good works of the organization - to keep the altars, baptismal robes, help Parish Outreach - all depend on you and your dues. May God bless us all!

Other News from Christian Mothers

On Tuesday, May 7, 2013 we will be Crowning our Blessed Mother followed by the Living Rosary. This will all begin promptly at 7:30 P.M. in Saint Alphonsus Hall. Election of officers will then take place.

Refreshments will be served. ALL women are welcome!

"Reproductive Health Act"

There are so many social justice actions for Catholics to consider in response to their core beliefs. Issues of war and peace, poverty, housing, health care, immigration, the death penalty, marriage and family are all of vital importance for every Catholic to know the Church's teaching and to seek to follow it as well as you can according to the dictates needed in the formation of our consciences. Yet, the horrors that have been revealed to us in the ongoing trail of Doctor Kermit Gosnell in Philadelphia leave almost every person shocked. I will not write in detail about what Gosnell is accused of in the abortion mill that he has run. The details are not for the young readers of this bulletin. He is accused of cruelly murdering several babies, after they were born alive in botched abortions. By and large, because it does not fit the views of the media, it was given little coverage of this national disgrace and accused mass murderer.

I know that some grow tired of the Catholic Church talking about abortion. There are some who see no major issue with aborting a fetus in early pregnancy. I disagree with this belief and think it robs a child of his or her civil rights. Still, people of almost every persuasion, liberal or conservative, stand in strong opposition to late term abortions. These abortions take the life of a baby who is alive and viable outside the womb. I remember the late Senator of New York, a liberal Democrat, Daniel Patrick Moynihan, called this practice infanticide. In his recent State of the Union Address, Governor Cuomo was speaking favorably of late term abortions. The Diocese of Rockville Centre sent out the following to all of us for our consideration:

In his State of the State address, Governor Cuomo announced his support for a bill called the "Reproductive Health Act." This is an extreme bill, and it would greatly expand abortion in New York State. It would declare abortion a "fundamental right", and would ensure that abortion is legal through all nine months of pregnancy, for any reason. It would make prevent any reasonable regulation such as parental notification or informed consent requirements, or bans on partial birth abortions. It would endanger women by allowing non-doctors to perform abortions. It could threaten the religious liberty of religious hospitals by requiring them to cooperate in abortions.

New York State already has far too many abortions -- over 30% of pregnancies end in abortion, over 111,000 each year. We don't need broader abortion laws. We need our law to respect human life at all stages. And we need to offer New York women real alternatives to abortion and provide them with a network of support and resources to enable them to bear their children and raise their families with dignity.

Please contact your state legislators to oppose the "Reproductive Health Act" or any other measure designed to expand abortion in New York State. To do so, visit www.nyscatholic.org and click on "Take Action." - Father Patrick Woods CSSR

SPEC: One Run, One Cure Presents:



Our Annual Jewelry Sale!

Join us on Sunday May 26th at St. Martin's Church
Items include:
Friendship Bracelets
Handmade Necklaces
Crosses...and Much More
All Proceeds go to the American Cancer Society.

Help support our fight against cancer!

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

Please read Father Pat's notice on the "Reproductive Health Act" promoting late term abortions on page 8 of this bulletin. The Life Center of Long Island's goal is to provide information and services as an alternative to abortion. Every week in this bulletin you will see "For Help in a Crisis Pregnancy" phone numbers. If you or someone you know is in a crisis pregnancy, please call any one of the numbers listed. This week you'll find them at the bottom of this page.

Here are a list of services that the Life Center provides.

- Sonograms by a Licensed Physician When Necessary
- Crisis Intervention Counseling
- Provide both Pre-Natal and Post-Natal Guidance
- Material Aid such as Cribs, Car Seats, Clothing, Diapers
- Abstinence Education in Private and Public Schools and Various Forums
- Sexual Integrity Education
- Fertility awareness and appreciation
- Post Abortion Healing Ministry
- Assistance with Linking to Appropriate Community Resources such as:

Maternity Housing Continuing Education Employment Opportunities

FOR HELP IN A CRISIS PREGNANCY

Call Diana Hart Mirando (C)830-5077 (H) 605-1979 ROSELINE, LIFE CENTER 24 HOURS, RACHEL'S VINEYARD RE-TREAT (631) 243-2373.

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

AED MACHINES

We have decided to remove the parish AED (automated external defibrillator) machines that had been in various areas of our property. This decision was made because we were finding it difficult to keep the machines regulated on a rather frequent basis and up to date as they needed to be. We had the fear that we might seek to use one of the machines and find it was not in good order. They may well have been providing a kind of false security to us.

Some parishioners expressed concern that these machines might prove to be ineffective in an emergency and lose valuable time in caring for a person with heart issues. It was also felt that even though several parishioners had trained on the machines, that the user of the machines might find if difficult, even though they are relatively user friendly, to use the machine in a stressed situation.

Additionally, when I took the course with the training team about the AED machines, they placed far greater emphasis on giving CPR (cardiac pulmonary resuscitation) than they did on the use of the machines.

We are blessed by many nurses in our parish (and I am sure other CPR trained people) who would be quick to give CPR in an emergency situation. Also, we are grateful that the response time of the Bethpage Fire Department is excellent. We have found that to be true in a few recent experiences with this fire house.

I assure you that your health and well-being is of the utmost importance to me and that this decision was made only after careful study and consultation.

- Father Pat

Bishop Murphy is looking for a coordinator from each parish to handle the parish arrangements for his Pilgrimage to the National Shrine in Washington D.C. If you are interested, please fill out the form below and bring it to the rectory, and we will inform his office. If anyone else is interest is going, please contact the rectory at 931-0818.

Thank you, Father Pat

Bishop Murphy is happy to announce that there will be a Diocesan Year of Faith Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C. Saturday, September 28, 2013.

LOCAL COORDINATOR VOLUNTEER:

Name:
Address:
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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.

In-Home Pre-Cana Ministry

As the Spring Session of the St. Martin of Tours In-Home Pre-Cana Program concludes, we ask you to pray for the engaged couples:

Smitha Edapparayil and Elcid Dilodilo
Diana Kagan and John Neas
Kristen Lamb and Christopher Rossol
Diane Pooler and Robert Benenati
Elizabeth Seiter and Edward Pohchione
Nicole Squillace and Thomas Falcone

We would also like to thank the married couples who volunteered their time to share their marriage with our engaged couples:

Carol and Mike Buffa Marilyn and Ray Walther

Any married couples interested in working the In-Home Pre-Cana program, please call us. We need you in order for this program to continue.

Deacon Jim and Carmela Biggin 796-5520



Holy Face of Jesus Holy Hour

Please join us on Monday, May 6th at 1:00 PM in Church in reparation for

blasphemy and the wounds to His Holy Face. All will be blessed with Medjugorje oil.

Come and experience this loving devotion to our Lord and Redeemer!

Full of Grace:

The Second Greatest Story (N)ever Told

St. Martin of Tours Parish Presentation Wednesday evening, May 29, 2013 7:00 PM

You and your guests are invited to an exploration of the Apparitions of the Virgin Mary. One of the most moving spiritual presentations you will ever see by retreat director Tony Bellizzi. Preview on youtube: "full of grace trailer:mov"

Sponsored by St. Martin of Tours Religious Education





The Life Teen Youth Ministry is having a Mothers day flower sale after all Masses on Mothers Day Weekend May 11th and 12th.

Flowers are 1 for \$2 and 3 for \$5.

Don't forget to remember Mom on her day!

