

Masses For The Week**Monday - June 10**

6:30 Lily & Guido Montana
9:00 Tennerillo Family

Tuesday - June 11

6:30 Frances Cianchetta
9:00 Louis Mosca

Wednesday - June 12

6:30 Antonio, Felicia & Rich Saulino
9:00 Annie & John Dooley

Thursday - June 13

6:30 Antonio, Felicia & Rich Saulino
9:00 Joseph & Lucy Laudadio

Friday - June 14

6:30 Catherine & Silvio Sita
9:00 Julie Marasik & Geri Keicher

Saturday - June 15

9:00 **Multiple Intentions Announced at Mass**
5:00 Comerford Family
7:00 William Csajko

Sunday - June 16 - Father's Day

7:00 The People of the Parish
8:30 Al Kump
10:00 John & Carmela Ricotta
11:30 Frank Livoti
1:00 Robert Hermann
5:30 Richard LoGatto

Readings For The Week

Mon. 2 Corinthians 1:1-7; Matthew 5:1-12
Tues. Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Matthew 5:13-16
Wed. 2 Corinthians 3:4-11; Matthew 5:17-19
Thurs. 2 Corinthians 3:15-4:1, 2-6; Matt 5:20-26
Fri. 2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Matthew 5:27-32
Sat. 2 Corinthians 5:14-21; Matthew 5:33-37
Sun. **2 Samuel 12:7-10, 13** *David sinned against the Lord but Nathan answered him: "The Lord on his part has forgiven your sin: you shall not die."*

Galatians 2:16, 19-21 *Paul preached to the Galatians "I have been crucified with Christ; yet I live, no long I, but Christ lives in me."*

Luke 7:36-8:3 or 7:36-50 *Jesus said to Simon the Pharisee of the woman who washed and anointed his feet, "I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven because she has shown great love."*



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 June 1/2**

Amount Budgeted: \$17,500.00

Amount Received: \$17,054.99

Thank you for your generosity & support!

Reflection & Living Stewardship

"I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me," sings the Psalmist; "You have changed by mourning into dancing." Good stewardship reflects the same joy for the many gifts God has given us!



We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish whose lives reflect their joyful service as they spread the Good News of Christ Resurrection with others.



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***F.A.I.T.H.***

Forward All Issues To Him... trust in God even as you think "how could God let this happen?" Trust that He will get you through it! Peter could *only* walk on the water as long as he trusted in Jesus. The moment he started to doubt, he began to sink! Trust! Believe! And you too will "walk on water!"

Our next meeting is Monday, June 10th at 7:30 p.m. in the Church. All ages 18 and over are welcome. Call (516) 993-9672 for any prayer requests or more information.

St. Martin of Tours HOP Club

June 3 #26	Ruth O'Brien	\$25.00
June 4 #86	Jane & William Kelly	\$25.00
June 5 #225	Kathleen Doherty	\$25.00
June 6 #315	Sarah L. Raab	\$25.00
June 7 #399	Dorothy Pfeifer	\$50.00

St. Martin of Tours Wedding Banns

3rd Joseph Sciabica & Amanda Drauch
 2nd Nicholas Fescura & Lucy Lamendola
 2nd Gaspare Tumminello & Christina Fischer



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

This week we are low on: hearty soups, jams & jellies, oil, macaroni & cheese, pancake mix & syrup, rice, sugar, tea, coffee, cereals, chili, beef stew, beans (black, kidney, cannelloni), chick peas, salt, flour, salad dressing, laundry soap, dish soap, bath soap, shampoo, conditioner, tooth brushes, tooth paste, and paper towels.

During the month of May, we were able to serve 752 individuals thanks to your tremendous generosity!

Food Pantry:

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

RECTORY OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

Please note that the office hours during the summer from Monday, July 1 to Friday, September 6 are as follows:

DAYTIME HOURS

Monday - Friday: 9:00 am — 3:00 pm

EVENING HOURS

Monday, Wednesday & Friday
 3:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Tuesday and Thursday
 4:30 pm - 7:30 pm

SATURDAY: 9:00 am - 7:00 pm
CLOSED ON SUNDAY

**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, Christine Ketchem
 Peggy Namiotka, Pat Cannata, Barbara Thompson
 Donald Castor, Joann Bruno, Nick Markakis
 Patsy Carni, Dorothy Quinn, Maria LaSalle
 Henry & Marie Niemczyk, Eileen McKenna-Fitzpatrick
 Bud Pehrsson, Joseph Hughes, Sr., Tess Steubing*

Thought for the Week

*"Love comes out of
 Heaven
 unasked and unsought."*

Pearl S. Buck



*Week of June 9 - June 15, 2013
 Altar Bread & Wine
 In Loving Memory of
 The Montana & Maggio Families*

Rest in Peace

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

Elizabeth Novelli, Jean Kozerski

Message from the Pastor

I like the month of June. It is a time when the summer lies before us with the promise of warm weather, vacation, the kids home from school (not being a parent, I am not sure how you see that), barbecues, ballgames, and a bit slower pace of activity. This summer we are planning to have a one week Bible Camp program from August 12th to August 16th. Yet, we know how fast the time of the summer will pass. On Labor Day, you may well say, where did the summer go? It was so fast.

Parish life slows down during the summer. Although our religious education leaders are very busy planning for the upcoming programs, we have no classes during the summer. On Friday evening May 31st, we had a very nice party with our religious education teachers as a way of thanking them for their ministry. The highlight of the night was the *Electric Slide* done by Fathers Henry, Jim and Ciya.

This past year our parish had over 1,300 children in our religious education program. Deacon Jim Biggin is the overall program director and Pat Ryan and Laura Leigh Agnese are the coordinators. We are blessed with a wonderful team of volunteer teachers, some of them who have been doing it for twenty and thirty years. Over the course of the year, first graders were given their first formal introduction to religious education. Children were prepared for the sacraments of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation. Our program sought to teach our young boys and girls about the Bible, the Ten Commandments, who Jesus Christ is and what he means to us and what he taught, the Sacraments and the Church.

The ministry of religious education is being conducted in a very secular time. This year I asked the children to write once a month about the Mass they attended. Several times I would read something like this: "I would like to go to Church but my Mom and Dad are too busy to go or my Mom and Dad won't take me."

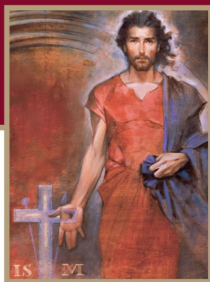
One of the most powerful experiences I had this year was when I met with the religious education teachers of the parish. This year we had instituted a program that mandated the children to attend Sunday Mass at least once a month. I discussed with the teachers that we may not accept back children into our program whose parents completely ignored this rule. I had the feeling that if the parents could not even bring their child to Mass once a month that it was very difficult to provide a serious religious education for them. I believe the teachers understood what I was trying to do. I was hoping to have the parents connect with their faith at Mass and to witness to their children that going to Mass was important. I have a sense that today's parents are under tremendous pressure to provide for their children and all their activities. Whether they go to Mass or not, I know they are men and women who love their children and want to do all they can for them. I suppose I was thinking you must attend soccer practice to be on the soccer team, you must go to dance class to be in the recital, and you must attend the meetings at school that are required. I must confess I had a somewhat queasy feeling using Mass attendance as a requirement.

Still, many of the teachers told me that they felt my policy would hurt the children and that they should not be punished for the actions of their parents if they chose not to attend any Masses. They spoke with passion and they spoke out of love for their children. I was profoundly moved by the love and commitment our teachers have for the children they teach. When I meet a religious education teacher, I will ask how he or she likes it and the answer would often be, "Father, I love it! I love the kids!"

I know there are those in our Church who feel that we are losing the next generation, that the kids of today do not know how to genuflect in church, that they talk in Church (as do many of us including me), that they can't sit still, that they do not dress properly for church, that they don't know the 10 commandments, they do not say the rosary, that they don't go to confession or communion regularly. I would agree the Catholic world of today is far different than the one I grew up in many years ago. Less people go to Church and many of the customs and traditions that we grew up with are not known to the young people. Still, when I see our teachers and religious education staff in action, I do not lose hope. Even if we may not always see it, the Holy Spirit is alive and active.

I am unsure how to proceed with my policy about mandated monthly mass attendance. I am still praying about it and consulting with the religious education team. I would welcome any feedback you wish to give me as I discern how best to pastor our children and their families.

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



The Redemptorists

OF THE BALTIMORE PROVINCE

Redemptorist Office for Mission Advancement
107 Duke of Gloucester Street
Annapolis, Maryland 21401-2526
Tel 410-288-8755 (toll free) 877-876-7662
redemptorists.net

Online Perpetual Help Novena

Join the Redemptorists beginning **June 18** for a **daily 5-minute bilingual video novena** to Our Mother of Perpetual Help. Visit redemptorists.net each day between June 18 and 27 for special prayers in **English and Spanish**. Watch on your desktop or smartphone!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 10: Charismatic Prayer Group 7:30PM
- June 11: Youth Ministry Adoration 7:00PM
- June 18: VIRTUS 7:00PM (School)
- June 18: Padre Pio Holy Hour 7:00PM
- July 4: No 6:30AM Mass/Rectory Closed
- July 5: First Friday Devotions 7:00PM
- July 6: First Saturday Devotions 8:30AM
- July 27: Driver Ed Course 8:30AM

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.

PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE

Engaged Encounter is an effective weekend program designed to provide you with the tools for a successful marriage. Couples are given the opportunity to explore many aspects of their relationship through a series of presentations, writings and dialog. There are group discussions.

Our next weekend will be held at the Montfort Spiritual Center in Bay Shore, July 12 - 14. For information and registrations, please call, (631) 563-1032.

Baby girls and boys in China need homes. Infants and toddlers are available for adoption. Older parents and single women welcome. For more information, please call Barbara Salvesen at (845) 623-5277.



DRIVER EDUCATION CONSULTANTS

St. Martin of Tours will host a 6-hour Class 1 Defensive Driving Course on Saturday, July 27th from 8:30 - 3:00 in St. Alphonsus Hall.

To Register: please call (631) 360-9720, Monday-Friday from 9AM to 4PM. The cost is \$45.00 per person.

Requirements:

Minimum enrollment is 15 people
Maximum enrollment is 40 people


Martin Z. Hirschfield, Instructor
mzhirschfield@aol.com





ATTENTION: ALTAR SERVERS

Please email Genny at gamit1946@hotmail.com with dates that you will be away during the summer months. Thank you.

(please note that Genny's former address is gennysmt@hotmail and is no longer in use.)

St. Martin's Life Teen program
LIFE  **TEEN** 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 or contact Erin at EKHoran@yahoo.com.

 **EDGE** Catholic Middle School Ministry 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** 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!**

When Traveling This Summer:
Please call 1(410) 676-6000
for Mass times in the U.S.

Out of Respect for Our Lord

We ask men and women, boys and girls to appear in Church modestly and respectfully dressed. Your cooperation is evidence of your love for Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament and His Holy Mother.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

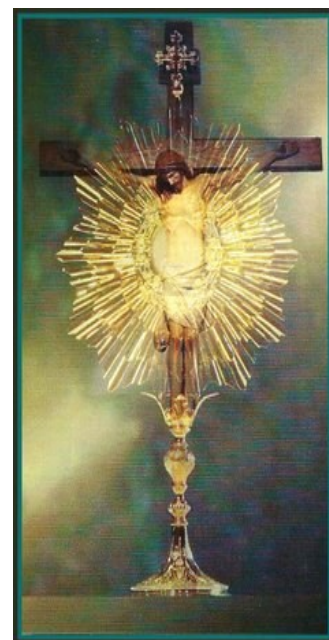
The Life Teen Youth Ministry has Eucharistic Adoration with Benediction every 2nd Tuesday of the month beginning at 7:00 PM in the Church.

Our next service is Tuesday, June 11th.

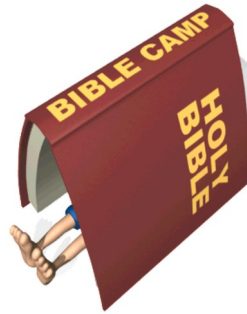
We fervently hope that you come and join us in prayer and adoration of the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

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!



St. Martin's Summer Bible Camp



We are presently making plans for our **Summer Bible Camp** that will run from August 12 - 16 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at St. Martin's. The Bible Camp will be for children between the ages of 5 and 10. The cost of the camp will be \$20.00 for one child, and \$30.00 for families with more than one child. Registration will take place in July and will be announced in the bulletin.

On Thursday, June 13 at 7:30 p.m. we will have a meeting for all the adults who are willing to help with the Bible Camp. It will be in St. Alphonsus Hall. You do not have to be an expert in the bible, a professional teacher, or skillful in arts and crafts to help. We are looking for caring adults who want to be part of the program to assist in the camp.

I would welcome a few men who would serve as monitors. If you are willing to help but cannot make this meeting, please leave me your name, your phone number or email so I can contact you.

We will accept some teen assistants who might wish to fulfill confirmation hours. If you wish to be a teen helper, you must first be interviewed by Father Pat. Your parents can contact me at woodscsr@aol.com.

Thank you, Father Pat

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE**THE WOMEN'S EQUALITY ACT:
INCLUDES THIRD TRIMESTER ABORTION IN NEW YORK STATE LAW**

On Monday June 4th, I received a postcard from the New York State Right to Life which said, *"Dear Diana and all of the God loving members of St. Martin of Tours and their Respect Life Committee, Thank you! Thank you for all of the hard work on the petitions to defeat the Governor's abortion expansion agenda. You have encouraged us and so of course you are making such a difference for the children. Please continue to pray! With much love, Lou and all of us at the NYS Right to Life on behalf of all God's Little Ones!"*

The Long Island Coalition for Life reports that over 3,500 signatures opposing the Reproductive Health Act were presented to Senate leaders. **THANK YOU LOBBYISTS AND TO ALL WHO TOOK/SIGNED PETITIONS.** Governor Cuomo has introduced the Women's Equality Act to New York State. Whether it's a stand-alone bill (such as S438: The Reproductive Health Act) or **BUNDLED** in the **WOMEN'S EQUALITY ACT**, the **OBJECTIVE IS THE SAME!** It will enshrine **THIRD TRIMESTER ABORTION** in **NEW YORK STATE LAW**. These are fully formed children in the womb. According to the CDC, **NEW YORK** already has the **HIGHEST LEVEL** of **INDUCED ABORTION** IN THE NATION. **WE DON'T NEED MORE ABORTION IN NEW YORK STATE!** **THIS IS AN EXTREME ABORTION AGENDA!** *source NYSRTL*

PLEASE CONTACT the following legislators and your local assembly. **YOUR VOICE DOES COUNT!**

Hon. Andrew M. Cuomo

Governor of the State of New York
Executive Chamber State Capitol Building
Albany NY 12224
(518) 474-8390

10th District Senator

James Sanders, Jr.
Legislative Office Bldg., Room 508
Albany NY 12247
(518) 455-3531

10th District NYS Assembly Member

James Conte (R)
1783 New York Avenue
Huntington Station NY 11745
(631) 271-8025

13th District Senator

Jose Peralta, 188 State Street
415 Legislative Office Building
Albany NY 12247
(518) 455-2529

13th District NYS Assembly Member

Charles D. Lavine (D), 13th District
70 Glen Street, Suite 100
Glen Cove NY 11542
(516) 676-0071

You can watch the NYS Legislature in session on Cablevision, Channel 116. For further info go to nysrighttolife.org/2013-legislative-update. *source: Long Island Coalition for Life*

Again please write, phone or email your representative to stop this extreme abortion agenda. President Obama and Planned Parenthood: April 26, 2013: He became the first sitting President to address the abortion rights group. He said, "You've got a President who's going to be right there with you fighting every step of the way." *Adapted from Newsday 4/27/13*

Diana Hart Mirando - Respect Life Committee

In his 2013 State of the State Message, Governor Andrew Cuomo declared his intention to push an extreme abortion expansion plan, wrapped up in a package of "women's equality" initiatives. New York's abortion rate is the highest in the nation. There are already too many abortions in New York. Women and infants deserve better than more abortion.

Gov. Cuomo's plan would allow more late-term abortions and allow non-doctors to perform surgical abortions. It would forbid any commonsense regulations, like parental notification for minors. It could also be used to compel religious hospitals to allow abortions. It is extreme and well out of the mainstream.

Let the Governor and your state lawmakers know that, no matter how it is packaged, you oppose more abortions in New York. Send a message to them by going to www.nyscatholic.org and clicking "Take Action." Or you can write to the Governor as follows:

Hon. Andrew M. Cuomo
Governor of the State of New York
NYS Capitol Building
Albany NY 12224
(518) 474-8390

Contact Senate Leader Dean Skelos
Applaud his pro-life position

On Tuesday, April 23, and again on Monday, April 29, and again on May 13 following the Kermit Gosnell murder convictions, Senate Republican Conference Leader Dean Skelos strongly and publicly denounced efforts to expand abortion in New York State. Please take a moment to thank the Senate Leader for his strong stance. His email is skelos@nysenate.gov and his mailing address is:

Albany Office
Legislative Office Building
Room 909
Albany NY 12247
(518) 455-3171

District Office
55 Front Street
Rockville Centre NY 11570
(516) 766-8383

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. Adoption, Foster
Care, Maternity Services, Catholic Home Bureau 1(800) 592-4357.

MORE ON “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.]

Here is a section (in italics) where the authors raise the question in a somewhat humorous way, as to how welcoming a parish they are to people who are not regulars at church.

I vividly remember my Christmas Eve Mass at Nativity, specifically the 4:00 p.m. Mass. Like everywhere else, this is the Mass that attracts the biggest crowd of the year, with lots of visitors and newcomers as well as ‘dechurched’ people.

*After Mass, in the gathering space, I was approached by one of the parishioners. She shouted to my face, “It makes my blood boil to see **that** in church.” “That” turned out to be a young man dressed in black denim, sporting multiple tattoos and piercings, a really interesting hair color, and I think mascara. Everyone in the church, including the young man, heard her. “Merry Christmas to all and good night!” The message was clear: This is our church and Christmas Eve was for us!*



Quite honestly, I could not picture people in our church at St. Martin’s acting in such a way toward such a young man. However, in our hearts we might feel it since I think it is a struggle for all of us to truly believe our faith, our church, belongs to all. I do hear occasional remarks from some parishioners who complain about how people are dressed. I know their heart is in the right place: they want a deep respect shown to Christ and the Mass. I admire that. Still, although I find people, especially the young, at times rather casually dressed, I really have not seen any person dressed in what I would consider very inappropriately dressed.

We know our church is struggling so hard to have young people come to church. I am not sure if the first thing they should hear from the pastor is that they are not correctly attired. Perhaps as they grow in understanding of the Eucharist and a bit older, they might change their wardrobe. Nonetheless, I am, as I am sure you are, delighted that they are worshipping God and receiving the Body and Blood of Jesus.



**Join the Third Order Carmelites in celebration of
The Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel**

Sunday, July 14, 2013

**Shrine of Our Lady of the Island
258 Eastport-Manor Road
Manorville NY 11949 - (631) 325-0661**

Program:

9:00 am	Arrival and Welcome
9:30 am	Morning Prayer
10:00 am	Conference - Bro. Nicholas Blackwell, O.Carm.
11:30 am	Eucharist
	Conferring of Scapulars
12:30 pm	Lunch
2:00 pm	Conference - Bro. Nicholas Blackwell, O.Carm.
3:00 pm	Holy Hour

For more information, please contact:

Edith Matlock at (631) 738-1035 or
Doug Lee at (631) 289-5712

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>.

Appalachia

Appalachia is home to some of the worst poverty one will find in the United States. Low income, lack of urbanization and high unemployment are just a few of the challenges facing this region.

If you've been thinking about a way to help those in our own homeland, perhaps this is something to consider. Children's spring and summer clothes for newborn through young adult sizes including socks, etc. would be greatly appreciated.

Kindly send all donations to one of the following:

Christian Help Inc.

Virginia & Lincoln Street
PO Box 1257, Kermit, WV 25674
Attn: Sister Therese or

Holy Trinity Catholic Church

2536 South U.S. Highway 421, Harlan KY 40831
Attn: Margorie

VIRTUS AT ST. MARTIN OF TOURS

**Our next Virtus training which is
required for anyone who would like
to volunteer at the parish
is as follows:**

Tuesday, June 18th

7:00 p.m.

**Faculty Lounge in the
School Building**

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT

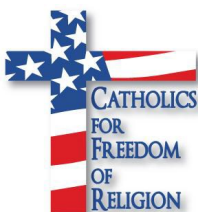
**Rally for Our First Amendment Right to Religious Freedom
during the Fortnight For Freedom**

Keynote Address by Bishop William Murphy

When: Saturday, June 29, 10am to 1pm – Rain or Shine

Where: St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School

Come and join the Catholics for Freedom of Religion and Long Island Attorneys for Religious Liberty, and many of your fellow parishioners and concerned citizens, as we rally in support of our most cherished right – the right to exercise our faith freely.



**LA SALLE REGIONAL SCHOOL
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

Annual NY Mets Game

June 28, 2013 at 7:10 PM

NY METS

VS

Washington Nationals

\$22.00 (normally \$32.00)

**All tickets must be ordered on line at:
Mets.com/lasalle**

**Any questions, please contact
Kathleen Verbil
(516) 249-8396**

Irish Night

On Friday, June 14, 2013 at 8:00 p.m., the Hibernian Festival Singers will be hosting ***"Irish Night"*** at Bay Shore High School. The show will feature ***Andy Cooney and his Band, the Innisfree Irish Dancers and the Hibernian Festival Singers, under the direction of Christopher Bitella.***

Reserved seat admission tickets are \$30 per person. For further information, please call (631) 665-1371 or (631) 563-1032.



**Catholic Cruise
to the Exotic Western Caribbean**

Come and sail away on a 7-night Catholic Exotic Western Caribbean Cruise with Father Michael Gear from December 7-14, 2013 on the Holland America's Westerdam out of Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Ports of Call: Grand Turks, San Juan, P.R., St. Maarten and Half Moon Cay.

Prices begin at \$1,226 for two passengers which includes all port fees and taxes. Daily Mass and Rosary offered. Deposits of only \$50 per person will reserve your cabin. Space is limited. Deadline date is August 25, 2013. For more info or to register, please contact Doug or Eileen at (860)-399-1785. or go on line at

Doug@CatholicCruisesandTours.com.

**Divorced, Separated and Single Catholics
of Long Island Widows and Widowers**

**Nassau County Chapter No. 1
PO Box 2031**

**Publicity Committee Newsletter
Chairperson Rick Wilson**

New Member Orientation

Non-Denominational - All Are Welcome!

Tuesday, June 25, 2013 at 8PM

**The meeting is held every 4th Tuesday at
St. Frances de Chantal Church
1309 Wantagh Avenue, Wantagh**

**Please bring proof of single status to join
Refreshments after meeting**

**For further info call Carol (516) 794-4933
or Eileen (516) 661-4353**

Parish Missionaries

I enjoy meeting parishioners after Mass on the weekends chatting and discussing the ups and downs of the Mets and Jets (mostly downs!) Yet there are very moving moments when people share with me a personal story about someone in their family with a serious health issue, or their own medical worry about something they are facing. I always hold these requests in my prayers. Other times, I hear about students who have finished school, children in the military, and concerns about family. They are quick conversations but ones that remind me of the depth of family love.

Over the past couple of weeks, I have heard two stories about parishioners who are going on missionary efforts this summer. Kristi Alvarez, one of our religious education teachers, and her grandmother, Anna Gatto. They will be going to Lourdes, France to work with the people who are pilgrims, many of whom are sick and in wheel chairs. When I went to Lourdes two years ago, one of the realities that touched me the most was the dedication of the men and women who volunteer their time and talent, at their own expense, to help the sick and suffering. I often say watching them in action was one of the real miracles of Lourdes for me.

I also met Louise Sandberg at the end of one of the Masses. She was so excited about her missionary work to Uganda, Africa in August. I asked her to email me about what she would be doing.

"I am going to this trauma-ridden country to minister God's love to children. As you may already know, the Lord's Resistance Army led by Joseph Kony, devastatingly and brutally ravished almost two generations of children in Northern Uganda (and more recently in the Congo and Sudan) from 1988 – 2010. He would capture and enslave the children, abuse them psychologically, physically and sexually, and then get them to fight in his army, forcing them to physically, sexually, and psychologically abuse and brutalize other adults. Many of these children have been rescued and placed in "refugee"-type camps in Northern Uganda where they are being kept and educated. Not much has been done to help them process and heal from their experiences so we are going to bring to bring them God's healing love." May God bless Louise in this great work.

How proud our parish can be that we have three missionaries going to France and Uganda to bring God's love to people in great need. They go at their own expense and without remuneration. None of them asked me for a donation, but I would like to offer the parishioners an opportunity to support the St. Martin of Tours Missionaries this summer. If you wish to, you can drop a donation off to the parish office or to me and I will divide it between the two projects.



May God bless these wonderful women in their summer ministry. - Father Pat