

Masses For The Week**Monday - June 17**

6:30 Blanche & Emil Zalzal
9:00 Fathers Day Novena

Tuesday - June 18

6:30 Patrick Curtin
9:00 Fathers Day Novena

Wednesday - June 19

6:30 Adeline Carter
9:00 Fathers Day Novena

Thursday - June 20

6:30 Frances & James Henry
9:00 Fathers Day Novena

Friday - June 21

6:30 Emilio & Michele Fornino
9:00 Fathers Day Novena

Saturday - June 22

9:00 **Multiple Intentions Announced at Mass**
5:00 Terri Marie Minett
7:00 James Taratunio

Sunday - June 23

7:00 The People of the Parish
8:30 Mary Walsh
10:00 Peter Montana
11:30 Thomas Kennedy
1:00 Stella Magdalena & John Lazzati
5:30 Carmine & Dorothy Arnone

Readings For The Week

Mon. 2 Corinthians 6:1-10; Matthew 5:38-42
Tues. 2 Corinthians 8:1-9; Matthew 5:43-48
Wed. 2 Corinthians 9:6-11; Matt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thurs. 2 Corinthians 11:1-11; Matthew 6:7-15
Fri. 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30; Matthew 6:19-23
Sat. 2 Cor 12:1-10; Matthew 6:24-34
Sun. ***Zechariah 12:10-11; 13:1*** *Zechariah prophesied that God would pour out on the citizens of Jerusalem a spirit of favor and supplication. God would bring about in them a new inner peace and reconciliation.*

Galatians 3:26-29 *There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female. All are "one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ...you are heirs...according to the promise."*

Luke 9:18-24 *Some thought Jesus was John the Baptizer; some considered him Elijah, while others said he was a dead prophet returned to life. Peter called him Messiah, but Jesus said, "The Son of Man must suffer greatly and...on the third day be raised."*



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 8/9**

Amount Budgeted: \$17,500.00

Amount Received: \$16,125.41

Thank you for your generosity & support!

Reflection & Living Stewardship

St. Paul reminds us in the second reading that "I live by faith in the Son of God who has loved me and given himself up for me." What do we give to and do for others? What do we give to and do for Jesus?



We are grateful this week for stewards in our parish who give of themselves by sharing their gifts through prayer groups, healing and consolation ministries.



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**Follow the Leader**

Remember playing that game when you were a kid? Kids today would say, "what's the fun in that?" Well, the fun is not knowing what the leader will do or where he/she will go. Jesus is telling us to follow Him and we are like kids in line behind the Leader going where He goes and hopefully doing what He does. He comes to our meetings - so follow Him there! ***Our next meeting is Monday, June 17th 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 10	#512 Helen Dowd	\$25.00
June 11	#192 Maria Osicki	\$25.00
June 12	#560 M/M Michael Croan	\$25.00
June 13	#84 Kathleen O'Brien-Joyce	\$25.00
June 14	#32 Lucille Krulish	\$50.00

St. Martin of Tours Wedding Banns

3rd Nicholas Fescura & Lucy Lamendola
 3rd Gaspare Tumminello & Christina Fischer
 2nd Timothy Russo & Kaitlyn Nortott



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

This week we are low on: rice, pasta, pasta sauce, salt, pancake mix & syrup, cake mix & icing, jelly, coffee, tea, cereals, hearty soup, chicken soup, beef stew, chili, mixed vegetables, peas, canned or boxed potatoes, chick peas, pinto, black, kidney and cannellini beans, juice, juice boxes, laundry soap, bar soap, tissues, toilet paper and diapers 5 & 6.

Without your generosity, we could not help as many struggling people as we do. God bless you all!

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. Thank you.

*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, Matthew Messina
 William John Staudt, Sharon Shiepk
 Christopher Gratton, John Mitchell, Salvatore Accardi
 Christine Ketchem, Peggy Namiotka Pat Cannata
 Barbara Thompson, Donald Castor
 Joann Bruno, Nick Markakis, Patsy Carni
 Dorothy Quinn, Henry & Marie Niemczyk
 Bud Pehrsson, Joseph Hughes, Sr., Tess Steubing
 Robert Tyd, Zachery Duff, Sam Zubov, Edith Lagan*

Thought for the Week

*My friend is one who takes
 me for who I am.*

Henry David Thoreau



Week of June 16 - June 22, 2013

Altar Bread & Wine

*In Loving Memory of
 Matthew McGrorty*

Rest in Peace

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

***Walter H. Steigle, Rose Badstuebner
 Benedict Zuk, Marie LaSalle***

Message from the Pastor

For many years, I have said in different homilies that I have been to the Holy Land several times. After a pause, I smile and say, Yes, I have been to Ireland several times. The people laugh. Well, on Father's Day, June 16th, I will be flying to Jerusalem to spend twelve days there. It has been something that I have always wanted to do, but every time I planned it, either something bad would be happening in the Mid-East or something would come up in my work that prevented me from going. I finally decided that if I wait until there is perfect peace in the area of the Holy Land, I may be waiting a long time.

When I tell people that I am going on this trip, they have two reactions: "Wow, that is wonderful; I am so happy for you," or, "Are You Crazy?" I have spoken to several parishioners who have gone on such a trip and they have given me the greatest encouragement by telling me how much their lives were touched by the pilgrimage.

I am going on a Franciscan pilgrimage, as a member of a group of people I do not know. I am not a guide or director but just a pilgrim which makes me happy. I chose the Franciscan tour because their Order had been placed in charge of the Holy Land by the Pope many years ago, and they have good knowledge and access to the holy sites. The trip has a scripture professor who will also be with us.

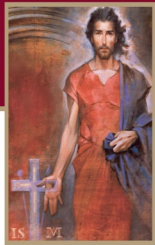
The word *pilgrimage* is important to me. I am not going as a tourist to see sites but with the hope this journey will deepen my love for Jesus Christ and His Church. I hope it will be spiritually enriching and perhaps be part of some future preaching. I also know that it will be fun. I am blessed to have this opportunity since I am able to use travel miles that I accumulated over the years from my travels in other ministries. Here is an outline of the tour:

- Day One: the group travels overnight to Jerusalem-I will already be there a day
- Day Two: a day of rest and relaxation in Jerusalem
- Day Three: Visit the Mount of Olives, the Church of the Ascension, Walk along the Palm Sunday Road, the Garden of Gethsemane, to the Kedron Valley, then to the village where John the Baptist was born and the Church of the Visitation
- Day Four: the wailing wall, Bethlehem, the Shepherd's Fields, Bethany the home of Martha, Mary and Lazarus, and the tomb of Lazarus
- Day Five: the Dead Sea, Qumran where the Dead Sea Scrolls, were found and then into the Sinai desert
- Day Six: climb Mount Sinai for the sunrise and then on to the Red Sea
- Day Seven: Petra-one of the seven wonders of the world
- Day Eight: Ride a horse into Petra (I hope it is a big horse) and then on Tiberias
- Day Nine: Cana, Tabor the Mount of the Transfiguration, a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, Tabha (the site of the multiplication of the loaves and fish), then to the Jordan River where we will renew our baptismal vows.
- Day Ten: Nazareth, the Annunciation Church and Mount Carmel
- Day Eleven: Jerusalem, the Path of the Crucifixion, Golgotha, the Upper Room Day Twelve: home to the USA

Sometimes, the Holy Land is called the fifth Gospel because this land is so filled with the presence of Christ, and I am so happy to be going. I do recall that St. Alphonsus, the founder of the Redemptorists, spoke about the reality that many pilgrims make great effort to go to the holy places such as the holy land when we have Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist in every Catholic Church in the world. So, I ask you to pray for me in the beautiful and holy land of St. Martin's Church.

Every day we will have Mass and prayers at the various holy sites. The trip includes some stops in Jordan and Egypt. I promise to pray for you and your intentions at the various sacred sites of this trip, especially at Calvary, Bethlehem, Mount Sinai, the Mountain of the Transfiguration, the Wailing Wall, the Sea of Galilee, and The Church of the Annunciation. I carry you all in my heart and thoughts.

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
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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!



From the Office of Student Services
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St. John's Diocesan High School
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UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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
- Aug 14: Assumption 7PM Vigil Mass
- Aug 15: Assumption 6:30, 9, Noon, 7PM Mass
- Aug 15: Rectory Closed

PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE

Engaged Encounter is an effective week-end 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.

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>.

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.

Our Sons and Daughters in the Military

One of the many aspects of our parish that I love is the deep sense of patriotism that exists in our parishioners. We pray every week for the men and women of our armed forces, and we keep alive the memory of those who have gone home to God. I would welcome parishioners to send the names of any family members you wish prayed for. We will list their names in the bulletin.

If you are permitted by their assignment, you can list where they are serving. Eventually, I would like to have a place where their names and pictures can be displayed. You can send them to me by email woodscsr@aol.com or hand the name into the office. God bless all our loved ones in the service of our country.

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



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

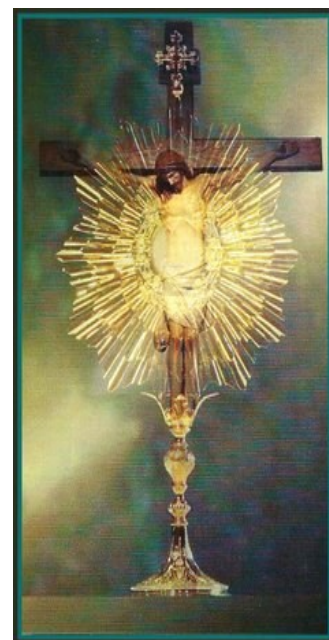
The Life Teen Youth Ministry has Eucharistic Adoration with Benediction every 2nd Tuesday of the month beginning at 7:00 PM in the Church.

Our next service is Tuesday, July 9th.

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

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

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

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Sister Grace Rowland, CSJ and Father Francis Pizzarelli, SMM have arranged to travel to the Holy Land from January 8 - 17, 2014. For a detailed brochure, please call Sister Grace at (631) 654-0199 or e-mail growland@sjcny.edu.

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE**AN UPDATE FROM LAST WEEK'S COLUMN - PLEASE READ****GOVERNOR CUOMO HAS INTRODUCED "THE WOMEN'S EQUALITY ACT" TO NEW YORK**

A bus left the Diocese of Rockville Centre for Albany this past Wednesday to oppose Governor Cuomo's EXTREME ABORTION AGENDA! **It would include THIRD TRIMESTER ABORTION. THIS BILL COULD BE PASSED AS EARLY AS JUNE 23, 2013.** The following are excerpts from a statement of TIMOTHY CARDINAL DOLAN AND THE BISHOPS OF NEW YORK:

"We are profoundly distressed by the introduction of a bill in New York that would ease restrictions state law on LATE-TERM abortion and runs the serious risk of broadly expanding ABORTION ACCESS AT ALL STAGES OF GESTATION. This legislation would add a broad and undefined 'HEALTH' exception for late-term and would repeal the portion of the penal law that governs abortion policy, opening the door for NON-DOCTORS to perform abortions and potentially DECRIMINALIZING EVEN FORCED OR COERCED ABORTIONS.

As the pastors of more than 7.2 million Catholic New Yorkers, WE FULLY OPPOSE THIS MEASURE, AND URGE ALL OUR FAITHFUL PEOPLE TO DO THE SAME, VIGOROUSLY AND UNAPOLOGETICALLY. We invite all women and men of good will to join this effort and defeat this serious attempt to EXPAND ABORTION AVAILABILITY IN OUR STATE AND TO CODIFY THE MOST RADICAL ABORTION PROPOSALS OF ANY STATE IN THE NATION.

We support the first nine points in the Governor's agenda that enhance the true dignity of women. Our position on these issues will be consistent with all the efforts of the Catholic Church throughout the world to enhance the dignity of women. THE DIRECT TAKING OF THE LIFE OF A CHILD IN THE WOMB IN NO WAY ENHANCES A WOMAN'S DIGNITY.

Instead of expanding abortion and making abortions more prevalent, we would like to PROTECT BOTH THE WOMAN AND THE CHILD IN THE WOMB. **In NEW YORK, where ONE IN EVERY THREE PREGNANCIES ENDS IN ABORTION (AND UPWARDS TO 6 IN 10 IN CERTAIN COMMUNITIES) it is clear that WE AS A STATE HAVE LOST SIGHT OF THAT CHILD'S DIGNITY. WE PLEDGE ALL OUR EFFORTS TO DEFEAT THIS PROPOSAL.**

WE CALL ON ALL PRO-LIFE NEW YORKERS TO STAND TOGETHER WITH US AND WITH ALL THE LEADERSHIP IN ALBANY WHO SHARE OUR CONVICTION THAT WE HAVE NO NEED FOR SUCH A BILL TO BECOME LAW. **We need instead to enhance and promote the life and dignity of ALL HUMAN BEINGS FROM THE MOMENT OF CONCEPTION TO THE MOMENT OF NATURAL DEATH."**

PLEASE CONTACT THE FOLLOWING legislators.

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 Building, Room 508
Albany, NY 12247
(518) 455-3531

13th District - Senator Jose Peralta
188 State Street, 415 Legislative Office Building
Albany, NY 12247
(518) 676 0071

PLEASE ACT NOW! TIME IS RUNNING OUT AS THIS COULD BE PASSED AS EARLY AS JUNE 23rd! WRITE OR EMAIL www.info@nyscatholic.org OR CALL the numbers provided. YOUR VOICE DOES COUNT!

Dear Parishioner,

I would like to thank all of the families that participated in our feasibility study this past April and May. It was encouraging to see the amount of families that took time to offer their opinions and questions surrounding the proposed projects. Additionally, we received an overwhelming positive response from the families that took part in this endeavor. Your collective response has given us the necessary case statement, lay leadership, and fiscal support for a capital campaign. Moreover, your input has been essential in providing a direction for the future of our parish. Specifically, it has aided us in determining which projects are of priority. Additionally, your input has provided us the foundation of what will be a strong lay leadership effort.

We are currently in the process of obtaining the necessary approvals to begin a capital campaign. Also, we are in the preliminary phase of planning our campaign. The summer months will be utilized to plan a Fall 2013 capital campaign, to address the projects outlined in the feasibility study. You will begin to receive more information as September approaches.

Below, we have provided general results from the feasibility study, for your review. The final feasibility study report and results are formatted in a comprehensive packet. Therefore, if you would like to review the final report and results, please know it is available in the parish office. I am grateful for your continued love and support of our parish and community. I look forward to working with all of you on this endeavor. Please be assured of our prayers and may God continue to bless you and your family.

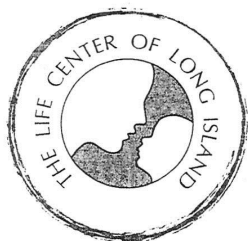
The following are the statistical results from Phase I: **Interview Phase:**

- The enthusiasm expressed for St. Martin of Tours itself during the interview process was strong with 98% indicating an either Excellent or Good rating in regard to the reputation of the Parish.
- In regard to the leadership and operations of the parish under Fr. Patrick Woods, 93% of those interviewed felt he was doing either an Excellent or Good job.
- 98% of the interviewees indicated that the case statement proposals were an Excellent or Good idea.
- 93% families indicated that they would pledge to a potential capital campaign. Each interviewee was asked to provide a range of potential gift should the proposed projects move forward. These ranges offered the donor the opportunity to make their pledge commitment over a three year period. 25 of the 45 interview participants were able to indicate gifts in the range of \$135,000 to \$216,000 dollars to a potential campaign effort.

Based on this response counsel anticipates the top 100 donors will provide the initial \$400-\$500,000 to the campaign effort.

The following are the statistical results from Phase II; **Parish Mailing Questionnaire:**

- 254 individuals or families responded to the second phase of the study. ***This is an extremely high response rate and represents approximately 1/3 of all envelope users.***
- Over 95% of the respondents felt that the Parish had an Excellent or Good reputation.
- Over 98% of the respondents felt that Fr. Patrick Woods was doing either an Excellent or Good job. Study participants *strongly* indicated their support of Fr. Patrick Woods.
- 80% felt that that the case statement proposals were an Excellent or Good idea.
- When asked to consider a sacrifice of \$1, \$2 or \$3 a day over three years in order to accomplish the raising of the funds necessary for the construction of the new church, 69% indicated a yes response.



Life Center of Long Island

serving Long Island since 1986

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507 Fulton Avenue, Hempstead, NY 11550 | 516.408.6300

June 3, 2013

St. Martin of Tours
Central Avenue
Bethpage, NY 11714

Dear Fr. Woods, Fr. Sattler, Respect Life Committee, Christian Mothers, and the People of the Parish,

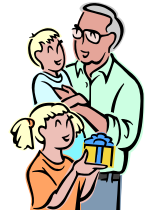
We at the Life Center want to thank you for your overwhelming generosity. Your last baby shower brought many wonderful gifts for our clients. All the clothes, toiletries, blankets, and baby equipment was deeply appreciated, as was your monetary donation of \$265.00. All the baby items went so quickly, and when the mothers received the items you donated, their smiles showed their gratitude. Please know that because of your kindness we can continue to assist those in need. Let us continue to work together to promote the beauty of all "Life" here on Long Island. May God continue to bless all of your dedication and hard work.

Sincerely,

Catherine Petrucci
Life Center Staff

Some Thoughts on Father's Day

- * As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through me. Jesus Christ
- * My father gave me the greatest gift anyone could give another person, he believed in me. Jim Valvano
- * The most important thing a father can do for his children is to love their mother. Theodore Hesburgh
- * It is easier for a father to have children than for children to have a real father. Pope John XXIII
- * She got her looks from her father. He's a plastic surgeon. Groucho Marx
- * A new father quickly learns that his child invariably comes to the bathroom at precisely the times when he's in there, as if he needed company. The only way for this father to be certain of bathroom privacy is to shave at the gas station. Bill Cosby
- * I pray to be a good servant to God, a father, a husband, a son, a friend, a brother, an uncle, a good neighbor, a good leader to those who look up to me, a good follower to those who are serving God and doing the right thing. Mark Wahlberg
- * When I was a boy of 14, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be 21, I was astonished at how much the old man had learned in seven years. Mark Twain



A Father's Day Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father, we pray that Your Holy Spirit will touch the lives of our fathers, that You will strengthen them to stand firm and tall in these trying days, that You will give them wisdom, revelation and courage to live in Your truth and righteousness. Father, in these days when the pull of the world and the push of the enemy to compromise even on the small things of living life, I pray that You will give Your strength and leading to these fathers so they will be shining examples to their families and co-workers of Godly character and integrity. Bless them, Father, and strengthen and encourage them as they endeavor to live their lives in a way that brings glory and honor to You. Amen.

Prayer for a Deceased Father or Mother

Lord God, You commanded us to honor our parents. Kindly have mercy toward the souls of my father and mother; forgive them their sins and allow me to see them again in the joy of Eternal Light! Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**FOR HELP IN
A CRISIS PREGNANCY**

Call Diana Hart Mirando
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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.

**VIRTUS AT
ST. MARTIN OF TOURS**

**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 Attor-
neys for Religious Liberty, and many of your fellow parishioners and con-
cerned citizens, as we rally in support of our most cherished right – the right
to exercise our faith freely.**



Full-Time Maintenance Position Available

Full-time maintenance position available at St. Bernard's Church in Levittown. Applicant should have basic skills in carpentry, plumbing, electrical, and mechanical, perform minor repair work, supervise two helpers, communicate with staff members, and coordinate plant operations.

Send resume to parish@stbernardslevittown.org or 3100 Hempstead Turnpike, Levittown, NY 11756. Telephone No. (516)731-4220.

Saint Padre Pio Holy Hour

Please join us for the St. Padre Pio Holy Hour on Tuesday, June 18th at 7:00 p.m. in the Eucharistic Chapel.

All are most welcome!



Save the Date

End of Summer Retreat at Long Branch, New Jersey



Father John McGowan CSSR and Father Patrick Woods CSSR will be conducting their annual end of summer retreat on the Jersey Shore on the weekend of September 6th – 8th. The weekend begins Friday evening at 8:00 p.m. and concludes with lunch at 12:00 p.m. on Sunday. It is a time to relax, rest, enjoy the ocean and the pool while also entering into prayerful times and Eucharistic celebrations.

The cost of the retreat is \$175.00. Last year we had 13 parishioners on the retreat and they enjoyed it very much. If we have enough people going, we can work out travel arrangements with a van or bus at the cost of approximately \$30.00. More information will follow but I wanted to give you the chance to mark it on your calendar. Father Pat

DIOCESE PLANS PILGRIMAGE TO SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, WASHINGTON, DC.

– **June 5, 2013** – In celebration of the Year of Faith, the Diocese of Rockville Centre today announced a pilgrimage for Saturday, September 28, 2013 to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC. The pilgrimage will be a day-long journey of faith to honor Mary, to seek her help and protection and to ask God to shower upon us his spirit for our earthly life here on Long Island.

All Catholics across the Diocese are invited to join Bishop William Murphy and his brother bishops for a day-long experience filled with opportunities for prayer, reflection, reconciliation and fellowship. This pilgrimage is a unique opportunity for fostering faith, conversion and reconciliation. The talented voices of the Diocesan Choir will provide the music for the liturgies.

The pilgrimage will include praying the Angelus at Noon in the Upper Church; a presentation by John Garvey, president of Catholic University of America; tours, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; Sacrament of Reconciliation; Rosary in Word and Song; and celebration of the Eucharist for the Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Buses will then depart for Long Island at 5:30 p.m.

Many parishes will charter bus transportation. For more information contact Suzanne Lynn of the Office of Worship at 516-678-5800, ext. 207 or slynn@drvc.org. Source: www.drvc.org

Notes from the St. Martin of Tours Book Club

New Members Always Welcome!

Dear Book Club and Parish Friends,

Your insightful and realistic discussions about **The Red Tent** made our meeting enjoyable, informative and touching. Your thoughts about motherhood, romantic love, communication between husbands and wives, birth, health, appreciating life and death and the family dynamics in the story gave a feeling of comradery to all.

Clarification by Father Pat about the Bible characters in the story gave understanding of the author's freedom of interpreting the personalities of the people like Jacob, Joseph, Rebecca and Dinah to name a few. We were also able to reflect more clearly on the relation of God or the gods to the lives of those in the book. So Book Club Friends, you made an ordinary Tuesday night a bit more "interesting" by sharing your appreciated opinions at our meeting.

Our next book, the **Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry** by Rachel Joyce, displays adventure, emotion and humor for the reader. It is our "summer read." You will be contacted about the Book Club event date in a few weeks. We will meet in September.

However, as we discussed, we invite you and any interested viewers to a movie on Friday night, July 19 at 7:00 PM in Saint Alphonsus Hall. The movie is "The Way". If you wish, please bring a beverage, or a tasty snack, a beach chair for added comfort and a **most welcomed spouse or a friend**. More friends bring livelier discussions with interesting ideas and laughter. We all have many enlightening thoughts to share about what we view or read. **Please remember, all are welcome.**

**"Where two or three are gathered together in my name, here I am in the midst of them."
Matthew 18:20.**

We hope to see you in July. If there are any questions please email or phone Ann Mele.
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***Till then, happy reading!
Father Patrick Woods and Ann Mele***

