Masses For The Week Monday - July 8 6:30[°] Vivian Durr 9:00 Lawrence & Larry Luizzi Tuesday - July 9 6:30 Constance A. Walsh 9:00 Agnes Shannon, Anniversary Wednesday - July 10 Mary Toscano 6:30 9:00 Mayo Family Thursday - July 11 Constance A. Walsh 6:30 9:00 James D. Maddalena Friday - July 12 6:30 Wendy Petruzzi 9:00 Kenneth W. Meyer Saturday - July 13 9:00 **Multiple Intentions Announced at Mass** 5:00 Renald Ratti 7:00 Margaret & George Stietz Sunday - July 14 7:00 The People of the Parish 8:30 Frances Dee 10:00 Carmella & Angelo Schembri Arcangela Tursi, Anniversary 11:30 1:00 Glenn Hughes Gonzalo O. Cantos 5:30 **Readings For The Week** Genesis 28:10-22a; Matthew 9:18-26 Mon. Tues. Genesis 32:23-33; Matthew 9:32-38 Wed. Gen 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Matt 10:1-7

Thurs. Gen 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Matt 10:7-15 Genesis 46:1-7, 28-30; Matthew 10:16-23 Fri. Sat. Gen 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Matt 10:24-33 Deuteronomy 30:10-14 Moses encouraged Sun. the people to follow the law of the Lord their God with all their hearts and all their souls. This command is not "mysterious and remote" but "already in your mouths

Colossians 1:15-20 Christ Jesus is the new image of God; before anything came to be, he was. In him resides the fullness of power to restore to God all things: in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible.

Luke 10:25-37 A lawyer asked Jesus what a person must do to gain eternal life. Reminded of the command to love God and neighbor, the man inquired, "Who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied by telling him the story about the good Samaritan.



and in your hearts."

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 29/30 Amount Budgeted: \$17,500.00 Amount Received: \$15,736.25 Thank you for your generosity & support!

Reflection & Living Stewardship

"The harvest is rich," Jesus tells the seventy-two in

 $\underbrace{\text{Stewardship}}_{A Way of life} today's Gospel, "but the workers are few." The situation is the same today.$ AWay of Life How can I help with God's harvest?

Am I called into the field? Am I one who could provide food or shelter or wages to those who toil in the fields of the Lord?

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who respond to God's blessings by serving the basic needs of the poor, the troubled, the weak and oppressed with energy, enthusiasm and commitment!



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

God doesn't need a Plan "B"

His Plan "A" works just fine! And even if we don't agree with it or understand it, we know that He knows best. Strengthen your faith before His Plan "A" disrupts your life.

Our next meeting is Monday, July 8th 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.

<u>St. Martin of Tours HOP Club</u>

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July 1	#580	Arlene Carroll	\$25.00
July 2	#29	Nina Puma	\$25.00
July 3	#572	Dorothy Furrey	\$25.00
July 4	#327	Paul Schraff	\$25.00
July 5	#495	M/M Raymond Landers	\$50.00

St. Martin of Tours Wedding Banns

3rd Kevin Barbera & Colleen Sheridan

Banns Only - Marriage at Another Church 3rd Brian Peyton & Melissa DaCova



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

This week the Food Pantry is low on juice & juice boxes, peanut butter, ketchup, oil, sugar, salad dressing, cake mix & icings, cereals, chili, beef stew, hearty soups, coffee, tea, mixed vegetables creamed corn, peas, pasta sauce, dish soap, laundry soap, bath soap, baby wipes, tissues, tooth brushes, & toothpaste, shampoos & conditioners.

Thank you for your generous support! 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:

> <u>DAYTIME HOURS</u> 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 Sharon Shiepko, Christopher Gratton, John Mitchell Salvatore Accardi, Christine Ketchem, Peggy Namiotka Pat Cannata, Barbara Thompson, Donald Castor Joann Bruno, Dorothy Quinn, Edith Lagan Henry & Marie Niemczyk, Bud Pehrsson Joseph Hughes, Sr., Tess Steubing Robert Tyd, Zachery Duff, Sam Zubov

Thought for the Week

Stop competing, and start excelling. No one has to lose for you to win. Unknown

Father Biju, C.Ss.R.

We are delighted to welcome Father Biju Madathikunnel, C.Ss.R.to St. Martin of Tours for the summer months. Father Biju is from the Liguori Province (the some province as Father Ciya) in India. He has just completed graduate studies in Rome.

We are blessed to have his assistance this summer. May God bless his time with us.



Week of July 7 - July 13, 2013 Altar Bread & Wine In Loving Memory of Teresa M. Holt

Letter from the Pastor

Reflections on a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

I am sure you have had experiences that are very difficult to describe with words: perhaps the birth of your child, an amazing sunset, a loss in your life, a starlit night. As I reflect on my recent trip to the Holy Land, I am feeling that. So much happened in so many profound ways that it is difficult to express what I experienced during the twelve days of my trip. Before I left, Kay Wilson told me that her trip to the Holy Land was the highlight of her life. I would certainly agree with her. I know I was very blessed to go on this trip, realizing that most people have neither the time, resources, nor health to do so. I could write a book about the trip and I am sure that I will refer to this pilgrimage in my future preaching. However, I will not force you to look at my pictures since I am not sure I want you to see me riding a donkey or a camel, or being the first person in history to sink in the Dead Sea. Here are some thoughts about the trip.

- I went on this trip as a pilgrim, not a tourist. I have been a tourist to many places: the Grand Canyon, Niagara Falls, Alcatraz Prison, and Washington, D.C. A pilgrim is one who goes in faith seeking to deepen faith; a pilgrim wants to encounter the mystery of God and allow it to transform him or her. Although I did some tourist things, taking lots of pictures and buying souvenirs, I was seeking to deepen my experience of God and come to know more about His great love for me and all people as revealed in the Word of God.
- 2) I had many overwhelming experiences on this trip: saying Mass in the tomb where Christ was buried and rose from the dead, kissing the very place where our Lord was born in Bethlehem, praying for an hour in Gethsemane where Jesus prayed the night before he died, walking the Way of the Cross that our Lord walked on Good Friday, a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, being in the room where the Archangel Gabriel spoke to our Blessed Lady, seeing Mount Sinai and the site of the burning bush, standing in the pit where our Lord spent the night after he was arrested by the Sanhedrin, kissing the ground of Calvary, and seeing the desert where our Lord spent forty days and Moses forty years. And, there were many more such experiences. The guide spoke about them, how the archeology and the witness of the community spoke to the authenticity of the site and so forth. I prayed at these holy places and listened to the Bible being read. In truth, I think these were moments of the heart and soul and not the intellect.
- 3) It was hard to process what I was experiencing in the Holy Land. When you get off of the bus in Bethlehem, you see signs for Starbucks and McDonalds. People are talking and jostling on the line to see the cave of Bethlehem. After visiting a sacred site, you have little time to truly pray and mediate on what you experienced. You are soon eating lunch and wondering whether to have fish or chicken. You stop for souvenirs and bathrooms and still carry the amazing memory that I have just seen the place of Christ's birth. So much happens so quickly. Several times our guides told us that our pilgrimage really begins when we get home. I believe that to be true since I do not think I will hear the Scriptures in the same way again.
- 4) There was some politics to the trip. How often I have heard about the Gaza Strip, the West Bank, and the Golan Heights. Now I have seen them. Our guides were Palestinian Catholics. They were men who bore a fierce pride and loyalty to the fact that they were Catholics.

Only one percent of the people in the Holy Land are Christians; they are certainly in the minority. I would say there was a mosque next to every Catholic Church. The place of our Lord's Ascension, once a Catholic Church, is a bare building under Moslem control. The site of the Last Supper and Pentecost, the upper room where our Lord appeared on the first Easter, is under Israeli control- you can visit it but there are almost no religious symbols in it. When we went into Jordan, I wondered why this part of the tour was included until our guide told us that 47% of the Biblical events took place in Jordan, then known as Moab. Even the two very sacred Churches of the Nativity and the Holy Sepulcher were divided between various groups of Christians. I found all the people, the Israelis, the Palestinians, and the Moslem welcoming of Americans. No doubt, this had something to do with salesmanship, but I also think they are a hospitable people by nature.

- 5) I met some lovely faith-filled people along the way, especially the other twenty people who were on the pilgrimage. Over meals, bus rides, and a beer break in the middle of hot day, I heard why they had come, what they were seeking, and how God and their faith were so very important to them. For twelve days we were a small community of faith that spent a great deal of time together and sought to help one another along the way. As moving as were the religious sites, so too were the sacred stories of God's grace working in the lives of ordinary people.
- 6) The trip was not always physically easy. Though we stayed at nice hotels and had good meals and a very comfortable bus, there was lots of walking (it always seemed up hill) and it was hot. Walking across the borders of Israel and Jordan and Egypt was a slow process of showing our passports, unloading one bus on one side of the border and carrying our luggage across the border to another bus. I made one of the greatest decisions of my life not to go up Mount Sinai on a camel at one in the morning to see a sunrise. The trip would be about 7,000 feet up the mountain and then a rough and rocky climb down. I am sure the camel is also happy I made such a decision. I did ride a donkey for a couple of miles. At the completion of the ride, the owner asked for a tip—I felt the donkey deserved it more than him. Still, the discomfort you felt made you have the slightest taste of what our Lord experienced two thousand years ago as he preached the Word of his Father. Many poor people constantly approached you with attempts to sell you postcards and rosaries. As I boarded a bus in Jordan, a little boy begged me for money. I handed him a dollar and six other hands reached and fought him for that dollar. It was sad to see the poverty of the people as I reflected on my blessings in life. God certainly chose to enter into a very poor place in the world two thousand years ago. It is still as politically troubled and economically challenged as it was then.
- 7) One of the last things our guide said to us was, "Please tell your friends and families to come to the Holy Land and see the places where God has been with us. We need you to help us and to protect our sacred heritage by your presence and support. Tell them it is safe and a wonderful place to visit." As I said earlier, I know many of you cannot make such a trip for variety of reasons. In faith, we know that Jesus is as present in the tabernacle in our Church as he is in any sacred site in Jerusalem. Still, if you ever do have the chance to go to the Holy Land, please consider it. I feel so very blessed have made this journey and I look forward to sharing it with you in the days to come.

Father Pat, CSSR

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 19: Showing of "The Way" 7PM
- July 20: Uganda Mission Concert 8PM
- July 27: Driver Ed Course 8:30AM
- Aug 9: SMT Blood Drive 2:30-8:30PM
- Aug 14: Assumption 7PM Vigil Mass
- Aug 15: Assumption 6:30, 9, Noon, 7PM Mass
- Aug 15: Rectory Closed
- Aug 23: Life Line Screening 9AM
- Aug 23: Summer Parish Block Party

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.

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 <u>http://thecatholiccounselingcenter.com.</u>

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. James Carnival

Our neighboring parish of St. James, 80 Hicksville Road, Seaford will be hosting their annual carnival from **July 23rd through July 27th**. Five funfilled nights!! Rides, Games, World Famous Sausage & Peppers as well as the "family recipe," homemade Zeppoles!

Opportunity to pre-purchase discount ride tickets (50% off) will be available at the St. James Parish Center from July 7th through July 27th, 9AM to 4PM only (closed noon to 1), Monday through Friday. Raffles and chances to win \$10,000 will be available. Pay One Price Nights July 25, 26 & 27.

For further information, please call the Parish Center at 516-731-3710.

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



July 7, 2013

St. Martin's Life Teen program **LIFE** 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. **EDGEE** 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

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.



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

<u>CORRECTION</u> There is no Life Teen sponsored Adoration during the months of July and August.

The next Adoration service is Tuesday, September 10th in the Church at 7PM

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

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!



CATHOLICS FOR FREEDOM OF RELIGION

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof...America's 1st amendment right.

Countdown to Crisis in Catholic Services: August 1

As of August 1 the HHS mandate under the Affordable Care Act takes effect requiring Catholic Institutions to violate their conscience or pay devastating fines.

Who is at risk?

Catholic Hospitals, Schools, Universities and Charities

What is the penalty?

All will incur fines of \$100 <u>per day/per employee</u> for each day they do not provide insurance covering contraception, sterilization, and abortion inducing drugs. As of August 1st and each day thereafter some estimates of these fines would be:

\$300,000/day	St. Francis Hospital: The Heart Center, NY
\$530,000/day	Notre Dame University, IN
\$4,600,000/day	Catholic Charities USA

The crushing fines will bankrupt Catholic hospitals which treat one in six Americans, the schools and universities which educate our children and the charities which serve the needy.

Will any Catholic Institution survive?

Your actions are needed:



• WRITE, EMAIL, CALL OR VISIT your Congressional representatives to insist they follow their oath of office to defend and preserve your Constitutional rights.

- CONTACT: <u>www.CatholicsforFreedomofReligion.org</u>
- ALERT EVERYONE! Every American must understand that the government's HHS mandate knowingly forces millions of Americans to

violate their conscience. For the first time since the ratification of our Constitution, Americans must submit to a government dictate of how much of their religious beliefs they are allowed to follow. We must defend 1st amendment religious liberty for ourselves and generations to come.

Benefit Concert for Uganda Mission



Frank Rendo



And special guest singer Patrizia DiLorenzo





And featuring book signing with <u>JULIE WOODLEY</u> for her new book "A Wildflower Grows in Brooklyn"

Date: Saturday, July 20, 2013 Time: 8:00 PM Place: St. Martin of Tours Parish St. Alphonsus Hall 38 Seaman Avenue, Bethpage NY 11714 (516) 931-0818

Information on Uganda Mission: <u>www.rthm.cc/events.asp</u>

PLEASE PRAY CONSTANTLY FOR THOSE SERVING IN OUR MILITARY

Please call the rectory at 931-0818 or email woodscssr@aol.com or gamit1946@hotmail.com to add your loved one to this prayer list. Our whole parish is united in prayer for safe return home of:



Doctor Brian McGrath - MAJ USA, Afghanistan Captain Gregory Holownia, US Army Seaman Matthew Sadecki, US Coast Guard



VIRTUS TRAINING Protecting All God's Children

If you wish to volunteer in any capacity in a parish, the Diocese of Rockville Centre requires that you first register for Virtus by logging on to <u>www.virtus.com</u>, look for "registration" at the left column and follow the instructions.

If you do not have access to the internet, please pick up a packet at the rectory office. Complete it and bring it with you to the Virtus training session.

Next Virtus at St. Martin of Tours

Tuesday, July 23rd at 7PM Faculty Room of the School Building

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.

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HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE EXAMS

<u>St. Dominic High School</u> 110 Anstice Street Oyster Bay NY 11771-3599

2013 Catholic High School Entrance Exam Prep Course September 14, 21, 28 and October 5 and 12 9:00 am - 11:30 am Course Fee \$250.00 Please Contact Mrs. Stutzmann (516) 922-4888 x 5241

Holy Trinity Diocesan High School 98 Cherry Lane Hicksville NY 11801-6232

2013 Catholic High School Entrance Exam Prep Course Five 2 1/2 hour Saturday morning sessions Includes review in English and Math as well as practice tests Course begins September 14, 2013 Course Fee \$250.00 For addition information please visit holytrinityhs/echalk.com or call (516) 433-2900 CARAR ARAR ARAR ARAR ARAR ARAR ARAR

DUCKS BASEBALL AND FIREWORKS FOR LIFE

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"Take me out to the ball game, Take me out to the crowd Supporting life and having fun with friends, I hope this night never ends Cause it's Root! Root! Root! for the Life Center As they save life after life! For it's one! two! three! Thanks to you At the old ball game!"

Date:Tuesday, July 30thTime:7:05 pm (gates open at 6:05 pm)Price:\$18.00 Free ParkingContact:Margie Reilly (631) 839-2854Opponent:Maryland Blue Crabs

Family fun! Grucci fireworks show included after the game!!!

All checks payable to Life Center of L.I. Attn: LI Duck's Fundraiser 1767 Deer Park Ave. Deer Park, NY 11729

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

THANK YOU! EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU!

THE LIFE CENTER OF LONG ISLAND sent a formal "THANK YOU" to the Parish of St. Martin of Tours that Father Pat included in the bulletin a few weeks ago. For those of you that did not get a chance to read it, I would like to send a personal message to all of you.

Both Jerry and I are volunteer speakers for the Life Center, and doing so, we have the privilege of meeting with other parishes, Respect Life Committees, and parishioners. We have traveled from parishes near NYC all the way out to East Hampton on the weekends for nearly 7 years. In all that time we have been invited to many parishes in our diocese. It has been the most rewarding, heart-warming experience for us both. From St. Agnes Cathedral to Most Holy Trinity in East Hampton, we always find the same reaction - a love of life and true concern for the unborn. We leave each parish feeling the spirit of our Lord - happier, stronger, and more devoted to the sanctity of life than the moment we walked inside. And then we come home to St. Martin's.

No words can ever express the honor we both feel to be a part of this beautiful family we call St. Martin of Tours. Your devotion, generosity and concern for the Life Center has echoed through many parishes. Many know how devoted you are and that you were chosen "Parish of the Year!"

What they *don't* know, is how you spend *all* of the year donating baby items, crocheting and knitting baby caps, booties and blankets; your response in signing petitions, writing, emailing and calling federal and state officials to have your voice heard; the baby bottles you fill every October, with some still coming in even now. You give to our Outreach, donating diapers, formula and baby food when available. Our Respect Life Committee consists of 14 of us and is one of - if not the largest - in our diocese, with Father Henry as our Spiritual Director. The Christian Mothers donated \$100.00 to the Life Center this past year, and Father Pat gives us such encouragement to let it all happen.

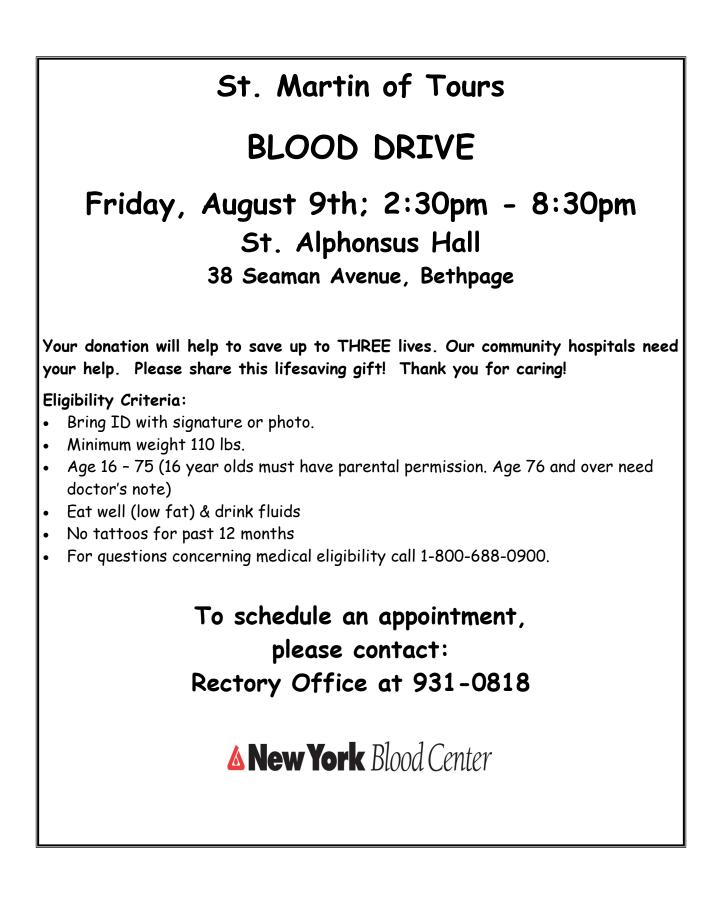
In May, we had our annual Baby Shower. We sat in the Gathering Area during all 8 masses with Respect Life Committee members and Christian Mothers as you filled the area with your baby items. This year topped all others. We had to empty the Gathering Area after each mass and bring it all to our house. Eight trips with our car filled with clothes, formula, diapers, wipes, car seats, pack & plays - everything you took time to bring for the sake of these little babies and their mothers. \$265.00 you donated also.

When the Life Center truck pulled up in front of our house the following day...20% of the baby items were on the driveway. The drivers said, "*wow, what a Baby Shower you guys had!*" But you should have seen the look on their faces when they walked inside the house and saw the 80% **more** they had waiting for them.

As I am writing this to you, I am waiting for a parishioner to drop off a car full of baby items. It will add to the blankets and car seats and high chairs that we will drive out to Deer Park.

So, thank you dear St. Martin of Tours, Father Pat, all of our priests, deacons, staff, ushers and <u>you</u>, each and every one of you! Thank you from the Life Center, from the young mothers they service and their babies...and a *special thank you from Jerry and I* from the bottom of our hearts!

Diana and Jerry Mirando





Save the Date Summer Parish Block Party

On Friday evening August 23rd beginning at 6PM we will have a summer parish block party in the school parking with plans for lots of food, fun and festivities.

We will ask for volunteers in the initial planning. Watch for more details in future bulletins.

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 $6^{\text{th}} - 8^{\text{th}}$. 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



Saint Martin of Tours will be partnering with Life Line Screening on Friday, August 23rd with appointments beginning at 9:00 AM in St. Alphonsus Hall.

Typically the following screenings include Carotid Artery Blockage, Peripheral Artery Disease, High Blood Pressure (hypertension), Abdominal Aortic Aneurysms, Osteoporosis, Blood Testing for risk factors associated with coronary heart disease, stroke and diabetes. The laboratory-accurate lipid panel which can include total cholesterol, LDL, HDL and triglycerides, and blood glucose among others.

More information will be forthcoming with Life Line Screening's flyer in future bulletins.

NEWS FROM RCIA...A GUIDED PATH TO FAITH

Are you or someone you know in need of full communion with the Church? Are you thinking about becoming Catholic but need to know more? Have you wondered about Catholicism and what it means? Have you been baptized and are interested in receiving the other Sacraments? Do you have any questions?

RCIA begins with "Inquiry" as the first part of our faith journey in September. Come and find out if this is for you. There is no obligation but just a desire on our part to help you find answers. If you have any immediate questions, please call Father Henry at the Rectory (516-931-0818 x 214), Ann Hughes (516-433-6972) or Karen Sullivan (516-454-6454). We look forward to hearing from you!

Bulletin Articles

All articles must be approved by Father Pat and can be mailed, hand delivered or emailed to gamit1946@hotmail.com.

Deadline is Tuesday afternoon for the upcoming weekend. Any article received after that time will be placed in the following weekend's bulletin.

Divorced, Separated & Single Catholics of L.I. Widows and Widowers

> Nassau County Chapter No. 1 P.O. Box 2031 Publicity Committee Newsletter Chairperson—Rick Wilson

New Member Orientation

Non-Denominational—All Are Welcome!

Tuesday, July 23, 2013 at 8PM

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

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

For further information, call Carol (516) 794-4933 or Eileen (516) 661-4353

Message from Catholic Charities Talbot House

Are you or someone you know having family or interpersonal problems due to drinking alcohol and/or using drugs? Catholic Charities/Talbot House, a chemical dependence crisis center located in Bohemia, provides withdrawal and stabilization services on a voluntary basis to males and females over the age of 18 who are seeking to stop and/or withdraw from alcohol and/or other drug use.

The medical and clinical staff at Talbot House will assess the kind of care the person needs to begin the journey in recovery.

For more information, please call (631) 589-4144. Talbot House staff is available 24/7. Each call is confidential. Talbot House is a NO fee for service program.

