#### Masses For The Week

Monday - August 12

6:30

9:00 Marilyn Evangelista

Tuesday - August 13

6:30

9:00 Claudia & Arthur Marchionini

Wednesday - August 14

6:30 Alfonsa, Millie & Vincent Maggio

9:00 Patrick Curtin

7PM Kevin John Feeney -Assumption Vigil Mass

Thursday - August 15 - Assumption of Mary

Evelyn W. Brown 6:30 9:00 Maria DaSilva

NOON Sophie & Patricia Critelli Mark & Margaret Ridge 7PM

Friday - August 16

James Henson 6:30 9:00 Donald Rotanz

Saturday - August 17

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

5:00 Ida M. Cadigan 7:00 Gerald Meehan

Sunday - August 18

The People of the Parish 7:00 8:30 Rose & Jack DiCarlo Rosario & Josephine Romano 10:00 The Nugent Family, Living 11:30

1:00 Kazimir Voncic 5:30 Bernard Kearney

Readings For The Week

Deuteronomy 10:12-22: Matthew 17:22-27 Mon. Deuteronomy 31:1-8; Matt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14 Tues Wed. Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Matthew 18:15-20 Thurs. Rev 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Cor 15:20-27

Luke 1:39-56

Fri. Joshua 24:1-13; Matthew 19:3-12 Sat. Joshua 24:14-29; Matthew 19:13-15

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10 The princes were ea-Sun. ger to kill Jeremiah because he constantly challenged them to follow God's law. The king allowed them to throw Jeremiah into a cistern. A friend interceded with the king and rescued Jeremiah.

Hebrews 12:1-4 Let us repent of our sin and fix our eves on the Lord. Jesus gave us an example of endurance and courage in the midst of struggle. In that way he inspires and perfects our faith.

Luke 12:49-53 Jesus announced to his disciples that he came to bring a hard message indeed, and some have not listened to it. That is why friends and families divide.

#### Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift

#### Weekend Collection for August 3/4

Amount Budgeted: \$17,500.00 Amount Received: \$17,538.58

Thank you for your generosity & support!

#### Reflection & Living Stewardship



¬ Am I waiting for the "right" time Stewardship to become a good steward? Do I A Way of Life plan to share my time and talents "later?" Today's Gospel warns

those who are procrastinating about stewardship to be prepared - "at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who recognize that giving and sharing ae not a burden, but rather an opportunity to experience every day the deep satisfaction that can only be found by serving in the name of Jesus.

## Charismatic Prayer Group

Are you the one I am supposed to reach? Do you have a heavy burden? Jesus is waiting to tell you, "hey, no problem! I got this one!" So bring it...give it...leave it! What have you got to lose?

Our next meeting is Monday, August 12th 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.



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

#### St. Martin of Tours HOP Club

Aug 5	#222	Ned & Marilyn Moore	\$25.00
Aug 6	#235	M/M Andrew Draghi	\$25.00
Aug 7	#200	Edna Pusateri	\$25.00
Aug 8	#171	Jackie Kramer	\$25.00
Aug 9	#309	Paul Ciaramello	\$50.00

### St. Martin of Tours Wedding Banns

1st Christopher Basso & Danielle Tancredi 1st Edward Ponchione & Elizabeth Seiter

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

Thank you for your continued generosity to the less fortunate. In July, we were able to service 620 people thanks to your support.

This week the Pantry is low on: black beans, chick peas, beets, pancake mix & syrup, cake mix & icing, chili, beef stew, corned beef hash, cereals, jams & jellies, sugar, mayonnaise, oil, laundry detergent, bar soap, diapers (sizes 4, 5 & 6), baby wipes, tooth brushes & toothpaste, tissues, salt, pasta & pasta sauce, canned fruits, juice & juice boxes.

#### **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



Week of Aug. 11-Aug. 17, 2013
Altar Bread & Wine
In Loving Memory of
Patrick Curtin

#### 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, Robert Tyd
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, Jim Fanning
Joseph Hughes, Sr., Zachery Duff, Gerry O'Brien
Sam Zubov, Christine Chiarappa, Baby Tiberius
James Mason, Herman Lordahl

## Thought for the Week

Once we hold a belief, it tends to stick with us for the rest of our lives, unless we challenge it.

- Dr. Richard Gillett

#### **ROSARY WALK FOR LIFE**

Thursday, August 22 at 7PM Mass

Maria Regina Church, 3945 Jerusalem Ave, Seaford 11783 (Jerusalem Ave & Hicksville Road)

**Followed by Rosary Walk** (approx. 1 1/2 mi.) Rain or Shine! Car caravan in case of rain. Transportation available if needed.

Benediction at St. William the Abbot Church 2000 Jackson Ave, Seaford, 11783. Please join us in a peaceful witness of our faith commitment to protect life from the moment of conception to natural death. All Welcome!

**For information call:** Joan Finn (516) 799-0190 or Irene Cassillo (516) 541-8056

Rest in Peace

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

Hao Duc Bui, Ann M. Cembrale Mary J. Holmes

# Letter from the Pastor

Years ago, I was helping out in St. Mary's Parish in Annapolis, Maryland, the parish where Father John Tizio, is serving as pastor. The mass I was celebrating was coming to a close and I, as did many of the people in the church, began to smell smoke. I immediately asked the people to leave the church in a calm and orderly fashion which they did. It turned out the smoke was coming from a lady leaning on a radiator with her fur coat. I am not sure if the lady was upset about the damage to her coat or embarrassed by the commotion she caused. After Mass when everything was back to normal, I said to the ushers, *Thank God, no one was hurt*. They agreed and one of them said, *It was nice you gave your homily-it was very good*. Another said, *It was great everyone got to receive Holy Communion*. We all agreed. Finally, the senior usher said, *Thank God we got the collection taken!* 

Some of the religious education teachers in the parish like to have their students come over to the church for a kind of guided tour of the various sacred places and symbols. They frequently ask one of the priests on staff to lead the tour. I often ask the children what is the holiest place in the whole church. Sometimes they point to the altar, to the baptismal font, the risen Christ cross above the altar or the tabernacle. How would you answer such a question? I must confess that it is a kind of trick question.

There would probably be two responses most of us would give: either the altar or the tabernacle. Certainly they are very significant areas of our worship space. The altar is where the sacrifice of the body and blood of Jesus is offered; the tabernacle is where we keep the Blessed Sacrament reserved for those who are sick and for those who want to adore Christ in his Eucharistic presence. I always tell the kids that you can always tell a Catholic Church by the sanctuary lamp. Whenever it is burning, Christ is present in the tabernacle.

I know many of our parishioners love the prayer alcove of St. Martin's. It is a special place of prayer to the Blessed Mother, the Holy Family, and our Patron St. Martin of Tours. Special prayers are placed near these beautiful images; the dead are remembered in special books as are those who have died in war since September 11, 2001. We also have a steel cross from the Twin Towers. Certainly, the pulpit and enthroned Book of the Gospels is a sacred area of the Church. It is from here, we hear the Word of God. The baptismal font is beautiful with its flowing water. It recalls the life-giving water flowing from the side of Jesus on the cross and our baptisms. On Saturdays our confessionals are popular places where the mercy of God is celebrated.

How about the nave? The word "nave" comes from the word "ship." The nave is the part of the Church where the congregation is present. I love that our church does look like a boat, with a resemblance to an ark. It is a symbolic reminder that we are in the boat with Jesus. The Church, with all the people together, are on the sea of life guided by the Holy Spirit on the way to our eternal destination with God. Sometimes the boat gets rocked by wind and storms (and leaking roofs), but Christ, just as he was with the apostles on the Sea of Galilee, is present with us in the boat and steering us home.

I am always touched by the red wagon in the gathering space filled with food for those in need. This love for the less fortunate is also a most graced area in the church. Here we show that what we celebrate at Mass is being lived in care for others.

When incense is used at Mass, the priest and deacon always incense the altar, the Book of the Gospels, the priest and then the congregation. Each of these four moments of ritual remind us that the altar (and the tabernacle), the pulpit, the priest, and the people each have a unique and special presence of Christ within them. I said at the beginning of this letter that when I ask children to name the holiest place in the church that it is a kind of trick question. The Church in its entirety is sacred and holy ground: the altar, the tabernacle, the nave, the pulpit, the baptismal font, the statues, the gathering space, and the confessionals all are integrated to create a space and atmosphere for us to encounter the living God both at Mass and also when we go into church alone. I suppose it would be like asking what is more important: the heart, the brain, the lungs, the skin, the liver, and so forth. We could not live without each of them.

I have decided to seek to make the tabernacle a bit more visible in our church by having the mini trees that were in front of it removed. I also hope to get focused lighting on the tabernacle. When Mass is being celebrated, our focus is on the sanctuary, especially the altar. Here we are celebrating the Paschal Mystery, the dying and rising of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. That is our central act of worship. I can recall being at Mass in my home parish in Brooklyn and seeing a person walking right by the altar during the consecration to walk over to a side wall to kiss a large cross. I loved her faith, but felt it might be better to do this before or after Mass. Christ is actually dying and rising on the altar. When Mass is not being celebrated, the tabernacle does contain the Body and Blood of Jesus. We genuflect in faith because we believe this. Some experts believe that the tabernacle should in no way take away from the altar. The altar must have the key focus. I think this is true while Mass is going on, but I also believe we must never lose the wonder and mystery of Christ present in the tabernacle under the form of bread.

As I close this letter, I want to thank all who work in the church, especially our teams of women who care for the altar cloths and linens. We are blessed by a wonderful sacristan, Sue Mafrici, her son Dominic, Joseph and Mary Colavolpe, and a very talented church decorator, Ann Hughes. T.J. Hance works hard to keep the Church in all its many aspects functioning well. May our beautiful church be the ark that leads us ever closer to our loving God.

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

#### Blessed Virgin Mary's Assumption into Heaven August 15th

#### Some thoughts on the Assumption from the Church:

"We pronounce, declare and define the Assumption of Mary into heaven to be a divinely revealed dogma:



that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever virgin Mary having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory." With these words, Pope Pius XII infallibly declared the Assumption of Mary, the Mother of God, to be Catholic dogma in 1950. In this pronouncement, he was stating dogmatically what the Church, East and West, had believed for hundreds of years.

Mary is a sign of sure hope and solace for the Pilgrim People of God. Mary in her Assumption, as in other aspects of her God-gifted personality, is a figure of the Church as perfected through union with Christ."

The Virgin in prayer: We have here the prayerful presence of Mary in the early Church and in the Church throughout all ages, for having been assumed into heaven, she has not abandoned her mission of intercession and salvation. Mary does not cease to be the "Star of the Sea" for all those who are still on the journey of faith. Taken up into heaven she continues to win for us gifts of eternal salvation by her manifold acts of intercession.

By contemplating Mary in heavenly glory, we understand that the earth is not the definitive homeland for us either, and that if we live with our gaze fixed on eternal goods, we will one day share in the same glory and the earth will become more beautiful. Consequently, we must not lose our serenity and peace even amid the thousands of daily difficulties. The luminous sign of Our Lady taken up into heaven shines out even more brightly when sad shadows of suffering and violence seem to loom on the horizon.

Mary follows our footsteps with gentle concern, dispels the gloom in moments of darkness and distress and reassures us with her motherly hand. Let us forge ahead in our lives under Mary's guidance.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Aug 14: Assumption 7PM Vigil Mass
- Aug 15: Assumption 6:30, 9, Noon, 7PM Mass
- Aug 15: Rectory Closed
- Aug 22: Queenship of Mary 9AM Mass
- Aug 23: Life Line Screening 9AM
- Aug 23: Summer Parish Block Party
- Aug 24: Fr. Biju's Art Class
- Sept 10: Youth Ministry Adoration 7:00PM
- Sept 14: Book Club 1:00PM

#### 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.

The next weekend will be at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington from October 18-20. For information and registration, please call (631) 423-0483.

# 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.

**BOOK CLUB MEMBERS,** The next Book Club meeting is **Saturday, September 14 at** 1:00 PM in Saint Alphonsus Hall. "The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry" by Rachel Thompson will be our book for discussion. If there are any questions please contact Ann Mele at <a href="mailto:ann111647@netscape.net">ann111647@netscape.net</a> or phone (516) 330-3039.

**Till then, happy reading. Enjoy the summer!**Father Patrick Woods and Ann Mele



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR LIFE

#### **CAREER OPPORTUNITY:**

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS IS SEEKING A FIELD AGENT FOR A CAREER OPPORTUNITY REPRESENTING THEIR INSURANCE PROGRAM. WE OFFER A COMPLETE BENEFITS PACKAGE WITH THIS FULL-TIME POSITION. IN ORDER TO QUALIFY, ONE MUST BE ELIGIBLE FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT GENERAL AGENT CHARLIE LYON AT (516) 223-2339 OR CHARLES.LYON@KOFC.ORG. THANK YOU!





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.



The Edge program is for all middle school aged student (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade). Edge meets every other

Thursday evening from 7-8:30pm. This program is a wonderful way for young adolescents to grow in their faith as well as build lasting friendships.



**Parent Life** is designed to give PARENT 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.



#### **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

There is no Life Teen sponsored Adoration during the month of 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.

Everyone is welcome!

#### **REGIS HIGH SCHOOL**

Regis High School of Manhattan is an allscholarship Jesuit school for talented and gifted Catholic boys. Students and their parents are invited to its Long Island Admissions Information Night on Wednesday, September 18th at 7PM at Saint Anthony's Church, 110 Anchor Avenue, Oceanside.

For more information, please contact Eric Di Michele, Director of Admissions, Regis H.S., 55 E. 84th Street, New York NY 10028 (212) 288-1100; edimichele@regis.org

#### SMT MEN'S BOWLING LEAGUE

Our new season begins Thursday, September 5,



2013. There are openings for teams and individuals. The 3 man team league bowls 36 weeks at AMF Syosset Lanes at 8:30 PM.

Call Jim Moran at 516-931-8903 for more information.

#### THE HELP OUR PARISH CLUB

In the coming weeks, we will be mailing your H.O.P. Club Renewal forms for the 2013-2014 year. This fundraiser benefits our parish by helping with the operating costs of St. Martin's.

If you are not a member, you can certainly become one by filling out the form below. The cost of membership is \$60.00 for one year per person, beginning September 1st and ending August 31st. A number is assigned to each member which entitles them participation in weekly drawings. Winners receive a check in the mail as well as a notice in the bulletin.

#### Prizes are:

Monday - Thursday: \$25

Friday: \$50

3rd Friday of the month: \$250

Feast of St. Martin, Nov 11th: two \$500 prizes One week before Christmas: one \$500 prize Last week of August: two \$1,000 & one \$500 prize

Here's the form for NEW MEMBERS.	You can
drop it off or mail to the rectory office.	

Name:
Address:
Phone:
Check or cash enclosed:

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

This fall, couples that have been married 50 or more years will be honored at liturgies on Sunday, October 6th at the Church of Saint Rose of Lima in Massapequa and on Sunday, November 3rd at the Church of Christ the King in Commack. Both liturgies will begin at 2:30 p.m. Couples may register for ONE liturgy. Registration forms and complete instructions can be obtained at the rectory.

Registration forms **must be received** by the Office of Worship by September 19th for the October 6th liturgy and by October 17th for the November 3rd liturgy. There will be additional celebrations in the spring for those who may find that more convenient.

If you have any questions, please call the Diocese at 516-678-5800 x 207.



#### CHRISTIAN MOTHERS ROSARY CONFRATERNITY

Thursday, August 22nd is the feast of The Queenship of Mary. Please plan on attending the 9:00 a.m. Mass. We will have reserved seats in front of the pulpit.

You will receive special indulgences and blessings by attending.

## Jesus said, "Come Apart and Rest Awhile."

## **Redemptorist Retreat**

Father John McGowan, C.SS.R. Father Patrick Woods, C.SS.R.

Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>

## San Alfonso Retreat House Long Branch, New Jersey



**Bring your Bible and your bathing suit!** Come to the Jersey Shore and spend time with God as the summer draws to an end! The Redemptorists are having their annual summer retreat for our family, friends, coworkers in mission, our associates and parishioners.

On Friday evening at 6:00, a light supper will be served followed by the beginning of the retreat at 8:00 PM. It concludes with dinner at 12 noon on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>.

R.S.V.P. By Saturday, August 30th

Cost: \$170.00 Please add \$30.00 if a bus is chartered.

Call 931-0818: Leave your name and phone number with the rectory staff. Please state whether you are looking for a ride or can give a ride. Renting a bus depends on how many people sign up.

#### 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:



Dr. Brian McGrath - MAJ USA, Afghanistan Captain Gregory Holownia, US Army Seaman Matthew Sadecki, US Coast Guard Cpl. Zachary John Sheehy, USMC PFC Travis Ruggiero, US Army, Afghanistan PVT Dennis Diesel, USMC PVT James Kruper, USMC



We are planning a Wall of Honor for those in military service for our country. If you have a wallet sized photo to donate for this project, please bring it to the rectory office. Thank you!

# **Gennesaret Retreat For those facing serious illness**

A retreat especially designed for persons who live with a serious illness is planned on September 20, 21 & 22, 2013 at Montfort Spirituality Center in Bay Shore. This retreat offers a respite, a quiet time, an oasis to enable one to continue the journey. It focuses on God's love, His forgiveness and His faithfulness.

To register or receive more information, please call Colette Fanelli at (631) 665-7052.

#### FOR HELP IN A CRISIS PREGNANCY

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

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

#### HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE EXAMS

St. Dominic High School
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

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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

# 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, August 27, 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

# 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!

Do you have the desire to make a difference in the life of a young person?

Are you interesting, silly, quirky, serious, quiet, entertaining, strong, a good listener, talkative, or jovial?

SMT Youth Ministry is looking for ALL kinds of adults to be a part of it's Core Team.

Want to know what being on a Core Team is like?

Come find out...

Wednesday August 21st 7pm OLPH Youth Center



More info... EKHoran@Yahoo·com

#### RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

#### THE LIFE CENTER OF LONG ISLAND

Lorraine Gariboldi, Executive Director of the Life Center, has retired. Lorraine Gariboldi joined the Life Center of Long Island in 1986 as a volunteer counselor in Deer Park. In 1992, Lorraine became Executive Director. She held this position for over 20 years, opening offices in Massapequa and Hempstead, NY, greatly increasing the outreach of the Life Center. Lorraine is a member of the Board of Directors.

She has written and published the book, FINDING THE SON IN A STORM, an autobiographical story of Loraine's faith journey leading her to the work she accomplished at the Life Center.

Attended the United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing, China, where she was a spokesperson on issues affecting women and abortion. She attended the World Congress on the Family held in Prague, Czech Republic. Six hundred delegates from forty nations gathered to prepare a Declaration to present to the United Nations and to all world governments on the devotion of family...as God had intended it to be. She received the Caritas Award from Catholic Charities. Babylon Ancient Order of Hibernians presented her with an award for "her humble and dedicated good work." The Catholic Women's Conference, presented her with the St. Gianna Bernetta Molla Award, for service to women.

Retired, she is leading educator on a variety of life related issues including Post-Abortion Syndrome. Rachel's Vineyard Retreat. Thank you Lorraine, for your dedication to the women and the babies they carry.

Gloria Schreiber has taken over the position of Executive Director at the Life Center. She writes, "I am honored and privileged to have been chosen as Executive Director of the Life Center. My heartfelt thanks to the staff, volunteers and all those who have embraced my appointment for this opportunity and their support. Most recently I received a card from a parishioner at St. Ignatius Loyola Parish in Hicksville with a note that read, "P.R.I.O.R.T.I.E.S. A HUNDRED YEARS FROM NOW IT WILL NOT MATTER WHAT MY BANK ACCOUNT WAS, THE SORT OF HOUSE I LIVED IN, OR THE KIND OF CAR I DROVE...BUT THE WORLD MAY BE DIFFERENT BECAUSE I WAS IMPORTANT IN THE LIFE OF A CHILD."

"Our priority at the Life Center is to ensure that every woman and man that enters any one of our Centers receives the compassion, education and resources necessary in order for them to make the best informed decision regarding their particular situation, most especially if that choice involves saving the life of a baby."

"My admiration and appreciation is to the dedication of all those currently working, who volunteer and are involved with the Life Center. I INVITE AND WELCOME ALL THOSE YET TO BE INVOLVED to join us as we move forward to enhance and fulfill our mission of promoting a culture of life and dignity for all the unborn from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death."

If you would like to become a volunteer at the Life Center of Long Island, we have three offices that would welcome any time you could dedicate to women in need of your help.

Massapequa (516) 798-8746 Deer Park (631) 243-2373 Hempstead (516) 408-6300

#### **Block Party Update**



A great thank you to all who have donated cups, plates, plastic ware and to all those who have volunteered to help. I think it is going to a fun night.

I appreciate the support of the Young at Heart and the Christian Mothers. We would welcome volunteers to help clean up at the end of the night.

ART CLASS by FATHER BIJU



On Saturday, August 24th at 9:45 a.m. in Saint Alphonsus Hall, Father Biju will offer a class on the following:

- 1) A lecture on "How to Appreciate Contemporary Art"
- 2) The basic/advanced techniques in painting (Media: watercolor, acrylics and oils)

All are most welcome!



#### **UPDATED INFORMATION:**

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

REGISTRATION REQUIRED: To register for your appointment and to received a special \$10 discount, please call 1-877-792-8479. Appointments required.

Typically the following screenings include Stroke/Carotid Artery Blockage \$60.00; Atrial Fibrillation \$60.00; Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm \$60.00; Peripheral Artery Disease \$60.00; Osteoporosis \$35.00. Get any vascular screening for \$60.00 or get all 5 screenings for \$149.00 a savings of \$116.00.

Early Detection is Key to Prevention Preventive Health Screenings Can Detect Your Risk for Serious Disease.

Call 1-877-792-8479 to set up your screenings and make an appointment.

## **WorldWide Marriage Encounter**

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would you attend a seminar to enhance your job or to increase your salary? Why not give your marriage the same attention? Enhance your good marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend!

Weekends are scheduled throughout the Metro New York area. The next weekend on Long Island is scheduled for November 1-3 at The Montfort Spiritual Center in Bay Shore, NY. Space is limited. For more information about the weekends or to apply, call 1-877-697-9963 or visit our web site at http://www.wwme.org.



As you know, we are planning a Parish Block Party in the school parking lot on August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. We have a terrific planning team, but we are looking for volunteers to assist with the picnic. You can chose a particular category or just trust your kindly pastor to assess your gifts and talents and assign you to one of the tasks. If you want to help or donate something to the Parish Block Party, call the office 931-0818 or email me at woodscssr@aol.com

#### Jobs:

Decorators
Table and chair carriers
Cleaner uppers
Face painters
Food servers
Cooks

Gofers (I am the chair of the gofer committee)
Some donation suggestions
Children's game
Raffle ticket sellers
Coffee makers

#### **Donations for consideration:**

Condiments, paper plates and cups, plastic knifes and forks Loans of outdoor lighting and covered tents





# PARISH BLOCK PARTY AUGUST 23RD SCHOOL PARKING LOT

6:30 P.M. UNTIL YOU HAVE EATEN ENOUGH

FOOD \* FUN \* MUSIC \* MORE FOOD RAFFLE \* GAMES FOR THE KIDS FACE PAINTING \* KARAOKE

No Charge \$\$\$\$

Bring A Desert, Cold Salads or

SNACKS FOR THE COMMON TABLES

BRING YOU OWN FOOD AND DRINKS FOR YOUR FAMILY (AND FATHER PAT).

THE PARISH WILL SUPPLY HOT DOGS, HAMBURGERS AND VEGGIE BURGERS

