

***Masses For The Week*****Monday - September 9**

6:30 Daniel Colon  
9:00 Florence Leach

**Tuesday - September 10**

6:30 John Kiffer  
9:00 Peter Grudzinski

**Wednesday - September 11**

6:30 Pamela Graff  
9:00 Mass for Victims of World Trade Center

**Thursday - September 12**

6:30 James E. Collins, Jr., 1st Anniversary  
9:00 Casey & Preziosi Families

**Friday - September 13**

6:30 Antonio, Felicetta & Rich Saulino  
9:00 Loretta Sattler

**Saturday - September 14**

9:00 **Multiple Intentions Announced at Mass**  
5:00 Jean Russo  
7:00 Al Kump

**Sunday - September 15**

7:00 The People of the Parish  
8:30 Rose A. Joseph  
10:00 Deceased Members of the Fryer Family  
11:30 Frank Livoti  
1:00 Malachy Mulligan  
5:30 John F. Pellicano

***Readings For The Week***

Mon. Colossians 1:24-2:3; Luke 6:6-11  
Tues. Colossians 2:6-15; Luke 6:12-19  
Wed. Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 6:20-26  
Thurs. Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 6:27-38  
Fri. 1 Timothy 1:1-2, 12-14; Luke 6:39-42  
Sat. Nmbrs 21:4b-9; Philipp 2:6-11; John 3:13-17  
Sun. **Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14** *The people of Israel forgot God's goodness and turned to idols. Moses pleaded with God for mercy, and the Lord God showed kindness to them.*

**1 Timothy 1:12-17** *The apostle Paul described to Timothy why he gave thanks to the Lord. Despite Paul's sin, Christ Jesus treated him mercifully and strengthened him.*

**Luke 15:1-32** *Jesus taught that God loves a sinner as a loving father receives back a wayward son. Repentance leads to joy, celebration, music, dancing, gifts and food.*



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

***Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift*****Weekend Collection for August 31/September 1**

Amount Budgeted: \$17,500.00

Amount Received: \$16,470.13

***Thank you for your generosity & support!***

***Reflection & Living Stewardship***

Jesus tells the crowd that only those who renounce all of their possessions can be His disciples. Is He truly asking us to give up everything? Perhaps instead He is trying to help us see that everything we think we own is really a gift from God!

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who accept the challenge of putting God first in their time and resources, attitudes and priorities, talents and strengths.

**Charismatic Prayer Group*****The Ripple Effect***

Watching raindrops falling into puddles reminds me of our lives. Each drop causes a ripple. Each ripple spreads out from the drop, sometimes connecting with other ripples. Are the ripples of your life connecting with others in a good way or are you crashing and destroying them?

***Our next meeting is Monday, September 9th at 7:30 p.m. in the School Cafeteria. After you visit the statue of Our Lady of Fatima, come and check us out. You're already here! All ages 18 and over are welcome. Call (516) 993-9672 for any prayer requests or more information.***

**St. Martin of Tours HOP Club**

Sept. 2	#92	Peter & Virginia Zito	\$25.00
Sept. 3	#58	Kathy & John McKerlie	\$25.00
Sept. 4	#80	Kyle Zuaro	\$25.00
Sept. 5	#190	William & Barbara Gordon	\$25.00
Sept. 6	#430	Diane E. Vespoli	\$50.00



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

This week the Pantry is low on sugar, coffee, mayonnaise, oil, ketchup, peanut butter, chili, pasta & pasta sauce, tuna, pancake mix & syrup, cake mix, canned fruit, cereals, canned chicken, hearty soups, peas, mixed vegetables, dish soap, laundry soap, bar soap, diapers (sizes 4 & 6) and baby wipes.

*If your garden blessed you with more vegetables than you can use up, please feel free to bring them to the Pantry.*

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES:** Any donation of school supplies would be most appreciated. Thank you!!

**Food Pantry:**

208 Broadway, Bethpage

Monday: 9:30AM - 2:30PM

Thursday: 2:00PM – 7:00PM

Phone: (516) 931-7332

*Can you help?*

Looking for a parishioner willing to give an elderly housebound woman a refresher course in making a Granny Afghan. Central Bethpage location.

If interested contact her son Vince at 1-917-796-2705.



Mom's a fast learner as she's made these before but needs a little reminder! Thanks!

**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  
Bill Kelly, Matthew Messina, Sharon Shiecko  
Christopher Gratton, John Mitchell, Salvatore Accardi  
Christine Ketchem, Peggy Namiotka, Pat Cannata  
Barbara Thompson, Donald Castor  
Dorothy Quinn, Edith Lagan, Jim Fanning  
Henry & Marie Niemczyk, Bud Pehrsson  
Joseph Hughes, Sr., Zachery Duff, Gerry O'Brien  
Sam Zubov, Christine Chiarappa, Baby Tiberius  
James Mason, Herman Lordahl, Heather Catheral  
Godeliva Pagan*

**Thought for the Week**

Friendship  
is something that raised us  
almost above humanity...  
It is the sort of love one  
can imagine between angels.  
- C. S. Lewis



*Week of Sept 8 - 14, 2013*

*Altar Bread & Wine*

*In Loving Memory of  
John J. Comiskey*

**Rest in Peace**

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

Theresa Ostrowski, Maria G. Salerno  
Jacqueline Raha

## *Letter from the Pastor*

***The Saints will soon be marching in!*** I, like many of you, have a devotion to Catholic saints, and I have several favorites. I was very happy when the Christian Mothers donated the outdoor statue of St. Bernadette. I fell in love with her when I made a trip to Lourdes a few years ago. I am also happy that we were able to get, at no cost to the parish, the large statue of Blessed Francis Seelos CSSR who is near St. Alphonsus Hall. As I explained in a bulletin letter a few weeks ago, we now have a painting of St. Monica in our prayer area. She is the patron of parents praying for the return of their children to the faith. I am happy to inform the parish that Father Biju, our visiting Redemptorist priest from Alwaye, has painted five saints for the parish. I plan on eventually placing these images on the wall in the vestibule, on the opposite side of the choir loft steps.

Father Biju will soon be leaving us to return to his Province having completed his studies in Rome, and helping our parish during the summer. He is a very gifted man who has published several novels in his native language, had art exhibits and is a great cook. He recently cooked a meal for the men and women who worked in the summer Bible camp and it was haute cuisine (French - for great food!) When I learned of his many gifts, I asked if he would do some painting for our parish and he graciously agreed. So throughout the summer, he has been painting five saints. He did this for us at minimal expense. They are beautiful. I think the parish will cherish them for years to come. After consulting with various parishioners, I chose the following five saints: St. Anthony, St. Anne, St. Therese of Lisieux, St. Jude the Apostle and St. Peregrine. There were many other saints we could have chosen, but I settled on these five men and women who loved God very much and from whom we can learn much. St. Anthony is patron of the poor, travelers, and lost items. I thought of St. Anthony because of the generosity of so many of our parishioners to the food pantry. Serving the poor is a fundamental call of the Gospel. Anthony has also helped me find my lost cell phone several times!

St. Jude the Apostle is called the saint of the impossible. People pray to him in times of desperate need. St. Anne, the mother of the Blessed Mother and the grandmother of Jesus, is patron of grandmothers, women in labor and housewives. I love how so many of the grandparents bring their grandchildren to Mass and many of them are babysitters for these precious children. St. Therese of Lisieux is one of the most beloved saints of the Catholic Church. Even though she never left her convent, she is patron of the missions because of her great prayers for those on the missions. She is also famous for spirituality of the *Little Way* - doing little loving deeds for Jesus. St. Peregrine is the patron of those suffering from cancer. Cancer is very prevalent in our world that I thought he would be a good saint for interceding on behalf of us. Over the days to come, I will give more information about each of these five special friends of our Lord.

Those of us on the other side of sixty grew up in churches that were filled with images and statues of saints. No doubt, you had your favorite to whom you lit many candles for special intentions. After the liturgical renewal of Vatican II, there seemed to be lessening of saintly images and statues as churches were renovated to meet the new norms of Vatican II. What happened to the saints and our statues is a question that many Catholics have asked through the years.

The Catholic Church has not changed in its affection and love for our saints. However, what the Church is calling us to do is always place our primary focus on Jesus Christ as the path to salvation. Jesus is our Lord and Redeemer. We are brought to the love of the Father by him through the power of the Holy Spirit. Sometimes it seemed that some Catholics might have had more focus on a particular saint than on our Lord. In a Church, the focus should always be on the altar, the pulpit and the tabernacle. The altar is the

holy ground where we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus. The pulpit is where we hear the Word of God, and the tabernacle is where the body of Christ is kept under the form of bread. The Church never wants our saints to distract us from these central areas of worship. Still the saints have an important role to play in the life of the Church in the devotion of many Catholics.

**Here are some basic points about the role of saints in the life of a Catholic:**

- We can always go to Jesus with our prayers. There is no saint who has more power or love for us than does Jesus. Jesus is the intercessor between us and his Father.
- You do not have to go to the saints to pray, nor do you have to have a favorite saint.
- When we pray to a saint, we are really praying to Jesus. We are asking the saint to join with us in our prayer to the Lord.
- The saints are great witnesses of grace to us. They faced many of the same challenges and difficulties of following Jesus and living life as do we. They are models to us of how we can love God and follow him.
- The saints are men and women in whom we can see the love and power of God shining. Many have written wonderful books that help us on the path to our Lord.
- The saints give us comfort and make God feel close to us. Since God is God and such a wondrous mystery, some find it easier to turn to a saint since they are so human and we know they will pray with us to our God.

There are many saints who have not been declared saints by the Church. A saint is someone who loved God and is now home with him. I believe you and I have lived with saints (perhaps your own parents or a relative) who you know to be a saint. You can ask them to pray with you to Jesus. Sometimes saints do reveal themselves in mysterious ways. I think of people who feel they sometimes get a rose from St. Therese in a moment of need. However, we must never allow our love of the saints to enter into what might be called superstitious practices where we believe our prayers will be answered exactly as we wish if we pray in a certain way or do some kind of ritual. We do not control God and his grace.

Our Church is blessed by her saints. As we read in Hebrews 12:1 *Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us.*

**On Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at the 9:00 am mass, Father Biju will formally show the five paintings of the saints that he has done for our parish. A farewell reception will follow for him in St. Alphonsus Hall. You are welcome to bring some pastries and cookies. Artists have a special love for chocolate donuts. He will be leaving before the weekend of September 13<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> so it is our chance to thank him for being with us this summer, to wish him Godspeed in his new assignment, and to see the art work he has done for us.**

I do hope to show the paintings at the weekend Masses since I know that many people cannot attend a morning gathering. It will take me some time to get the paintings framed, and set up since I want to provide the best possible setting for these beautiful images of those who have gone before us in faith.

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

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sept 8-10: Triduum Honoring the Blessed Mother 7PM each evening
- Sept 10: Father Bijou Farewell Mass 9AM  
Reception to follow in Alphonsus Hall
- Sept 10: Christian Mothers Welcome Back 7:30PM
- Sept 10: Youth Ministry Adoration 7:00PM
- Sept 14: Book Club 1:00PM
- Sept 17: Padre Pio Devotions 7PM
- Sept 19: Young Family Ministry Kickoff 7PM
- Oct 12/13: Baby Bottle Campaign

### 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 [ann111647@netscape.net](mailto:ann111647@netscape.net) or phone (516) 330-3039.

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

### 21st Annual Italian Festival Sunday, September 15, 2013

11 a.m.-5 p.m.

Hofstra University  
Outdoors on the South Campus  
(rain or shine)


- Celebrated performing artist, John Ciotta
- Master of Ceremonies Ben Scannella
- LI Mandolin and Guitar Orchestra
- "Pop-era" featuring members of The Bronx Opera Company
- The San Remo Duo
- Katie's Puppets and Gary the Magician
- Italian-American Poets & Writers Piazza

Admission: \$7; \$5 for senior citizens; children under 12 admitted free. Hofstra students, faculty and staff are admitted free with HofstraCard.

For more info: call (516) 463-6504

Visit [hofstra.edu/festivals](http://hofstra.edu/festivals)



**St. Martin's Life Teen program** is for all high school aged teens (9th-12th grade). **LIFE**  **TEEN** 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.smtbethepage.org](http://www.smtbethepage.org) or contact Erin at [EKHoran@yahoo.com](mailto:EKHoran@yahoo.com).



**The Edge program** is for all middle school aged students (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 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!**

### REGIS HIGH SCHOOL

Regis High School of Manhattan is an all-scholarship 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](mailto:edimichele@regis.org)

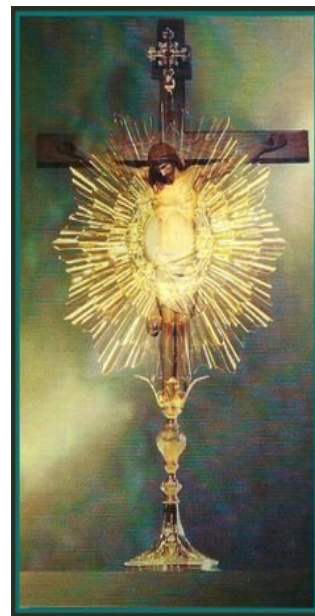
### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

The next Adoration service is  
Tuesday, September 10th in the  
Church at 7:00 PM

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!



**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.

**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, September 24, 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

**St. Martin of Tours  
Religious Education  
Teachers & Hall Monitors Wanted!**

If you would like to volunteer, you can either email [pryan@smtbethage.org](mailto:pryan@smtbethage.org) or [llagnese@smtbethpage.org](mailto:llagnese@smtbethpage.org) or fill out the information below, put it in an envelope marked **Religious Education Volunteer** and drop it off in the mailbox located at the front of the school building on Central Avenue or bring it to the rectory office. Thank you!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Your email (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

*Please check desired position:*

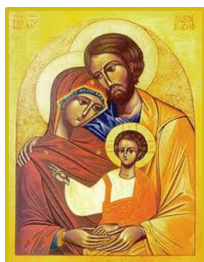
Teacher \_\_\_\_\_ Assistant teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Hall monitor \_\_\_\_\_

**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. Adop-  
tion, Foster Care, Maternity Ser-  
vices, Catholic Home Bureau 1  
(800) 592-4357.**



St. Martin of Tours  
**Young Family  
 Ministry**  
*Leading families closer to Christ.*

**Ever feel like you're the only family in the pew picking Sophie the Giraffe and Cheerios up off the floor?**

Well, guess what?... You're not alone!  
 SMT is kicking off a new Young Family Ministry this September.  
 What could be better than a night off from cooking & some good conversation?

**Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm**

**OLPH Youth Center (located in the school building)**

**Please RSVP by Wednesday 9/18**

RSVP & More Info: [EKHoran@Yahoo.com](mailto:EKHoran@Yahoo.com)

**Christian Mothers Rosary  
 Confraternity  
 "Welcome Back Night"**

Our **General Meeting** will be **Tuesday, September 10th at 7:30 PM** to celebrate our Blessed Mother's birthday followed by our Welcome Back Gift Swap. To participate, please bring a "new" wrapped gift worth \$10. Refreshments will be served.

Any woman wishing to see what we are all about are most welcome to come and join in the festivities.

If you would like to become a member, please speak to Janet Dion at 433-9340, Mary Colavolpe at 495-4408 or Louise Smith at 735-1375. Christian Mothers dues are still \$10 per year.

**OPEN HOUSE**

**Holy Trinity Diocesan High School  
 98 Cherry Lane  
 Hicksville NY 11801**

**Sunday, September 22, 2013  
 12:00 - 2:30 P.M.**

**Join us at our Open House  
 and see for yourself  
 "How High School Should Be."**

**We are located on Newbridge Road,  
 south of Old Country Road and  
 north of Hempstead Turnpike.**



## Notes from the Music Ministry

We hope that everyone had a wonderful and enjoyable summer! September is here and we are ready to be filled with the Spirit as music pours into our Church and out of our hearts - as always - here at Saint Martin's.

Here is the schedule of start-up REHEARSALS for September:

Tuesday, September 17th at 7PM in the Church: **Life Teen Band (Sunday, 5:30PM Mass) High School & College Students are encouraged to join.**

Wednesday, September 18th at 5PM in the Church: **Children's Choir (Sunday, 10:00AM Mass) We encourage children in grades 2 - 8 to join.**

Thursday, September 19th at 7:30PM in the Church: **Adult Choirs (Sunday 8:30 and 11:30 Masses) We encourage adults 18 and over to join us.**

The Music Ministry is looking for the following volunteers as well as singers:

- Those who are "technically" inclined and would be willing to help out with equipment and sound.
- Those who are proficient musicians and would like to join our ever-growing mini orchestra.

Please call Elena at the number below or stop and speak to one of our music leaders at Mass if you can help us.

Contact: Elena Scollo, Director of Music at (516) 713-8854

Make us an instrument of your peace, Lord!



***"The Gifts We Have, We Are Given to Share"***



## **Handicapped Encounter Christ**

**Presents**

**An Afternoon of Christian Music and Fellowship**

**Featuring the music of Spirit Lifters**

**Linda Gleason & Diana Friedberg**

**Tom Brennan**

**and Comedy by Sal Capazano**

**Sunday, September 15, 2013**

**Time: 3:00pm – 7:00pm**

**St. Francis Catholic Church**

**29 Clay Pitts Road, Greenlawn**

**Admissions: \$10.00**

**Refreshments will be available**

**Advance Ticket Purchase Strongly Recommended**

**Number of Ticket \_\_\_\_\_ X \$10 = \_\_\_\_\_**

**Checks payable to Long Island HEC**

**Mail check to either:**

**Joe Martin, 19A Van Wicklen Court**

**Northport NY 11768**

**(631) 261-2308**

**or**

**Kerri E. Kearns, 6 Avalon Circle**

**Smithtown, NY 11787**

## **RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH**

**LIFE:** "All human beings ought to value every person for his or her uniqueness as a creature of God, called to be a brother or sister of Christ by reason of the Incarnation and the universal Redemption. For us, the sacredness of human life is based on these premises. And it is on these same premises that there is based on celebration of life....all human life. This explains our efforts to **DEFEND** human life against every **INFLUENCE OR ACTION** that threatens or weakens it, as well as our endeavors to make every life more human in all its aspects." *Pope John Paul II, Homily, Capitol Mall, Washington, D.C. 1979*

*One of the constants of Pope John Paul II's message has been his emphasis on the sanctity of life.* From the moment of conception to the moment of death, he has affirmed, life is sacred....that is, it belongs to God, the Creator of all. But combating the culture of death is much more than simply choosing life at every juncture. It is also believing that every life is worthy of love and that we are called to love everyone accordingly. That means putting love into **ACTION...ATTEMPTING TO REFORM OUR CULTURE** in the **IMAGE OF LOVE**. God calls us to do no less.

**Our Respect Life Committee will be meeting at the Parish Outreach building, 208 Broadway on Wednesday, September 25th at 12:00 noon. Come join us. We will be saying a Rosary and Litany for Life at the conclusion of the meeting. Join in with your ideas for life at each stage!**

## **Please tell your family & friends to join us in honor of our Blessed Mother on September 8th the Feast of her birth.**

To bring the Message of Fatima to the world, a copy of the Pilgrim Virgin Statue has traveled the world many times, visiting more than 100 countries including Russia and Red China, bringing the message of hope, "the peace plan from heaven," to millions of people.



**The Statue will be present in St. Martin of Tours Parish on the following Triduum dates: Sept. 8th and 9th in the Church & Sept. 10th in the school cafeteria. All times are from 7pm to 8pm.**

Spend some private time with the Blessed Mother and bring to her your troubles.



### MORE PICTURES & RECOGNITION

Thanks to the dedicated Knights of Columbus who did so much for our block party. From left to right are: GK Peter Volberg, John Cronin, PGK Lou Gaccione, Joe Giugliano, DGK Joe Brooks, Anthony Srour, Anthony Valente, and Nicky Mafri.

Father Pat Woods crashed the picture and is trying to look busy.

### VENDORS WANTED OUR LADY OF MERCY CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY FAIR

Our Lady of Mercy School  
520 South Oyster Bay Road, Hicksville  
11801

Monday, November 25, 2013

1:00 PM to 9 PM  
School Auditorium

Interested vendors please call:

Pamela McCaffery at 516-681-2504

### WorldWide Marriage Encounter



#### Married Couples!

*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>.

### St. James, Seaford NY "Over 50 Club"

We cordially invite you to join a lively, spirited, fun-filled group of over 50 seniors who enjoy social get-togethers, games, host guest speakers, outings, and luncheons throughout the year. Meetings are held the first and third Friday of each month from 12:00 Noon until 3:30 p.m. Please contact Joan at (516) 694-0328 for further information.

### 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  
 PFC Matthew P. Sirianni, US Army  
 Cpl. Conor B. Murphy, USMC, Okinawa, Japan  
 2nd Lieutenant Victoria Meyer, US Army Nurse Corp



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!

### UPDATED INFORMATION

#### NEWS FROM RCIA A GUIDED PATH TO FAITH

The first Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) meeting will be **Thursday, September 12, 2013 7:30 p.m. at 208 Broadway, Bethpage.** Anyone interested in joining the Catholic Church is welcome. 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!

#### Divorce and Beyond Separation and Divorce Support Group

This is an 8-week program for those separated or going through the process of divorce to help men and women find encouragement as they explore the emotions and experiences often associated with separation and divorce.

**The group meets every Friday beginning September 27, 2013 at 7:30 pm at St. William the Abbot Church, 2000 Jackson Avenue, Seaford.** The cost is \$20, but for further information and registration, please contact Carol at 516-432-2241 or Angie at 516-868-2503 or email us at [BeginningToday@gmail.com](mailto:BeginningToday@gmail.com).

**25th Annual Mass for Deceased Children**  
**Saturday, September 14, 2013 at 12:30 - St. Agnes Cathedral**  
**Celebrant: Bishop Robert J. Brennan**  
**Come early to inscribe your child's name in the "Book of Families."**  
**Refreshments following Mass**  
**For More Information: 516-678-1294**

## Our Lady of Mercy CYO Track 2013-2014 Registration

**Boys and Girls, K thru 8th grade  
Basics of Track and Field  
No experience required.**

**2013-2014 season is split between the fall and  
spring. The fall program runs from mid-  
September through October with spring from  
April through June.**

**Please visit [www.olmcyo.org](http://www.olmcyo.org)  
to register your child.**

**For additional information, contact coordinator  
Gynni Farrell at [gynnifarrell@verizon.net](mailto:gynnifarrell@verizon.net)**



## Baby Bottle Campaign

The Life Center of LI will be holding its Annual **Baby Bottle Campaign on the weekend of October 12 & 13.** Bottles will be handed out at the end of each mass.

Our thanks to Fathers Pat & Henry for the opportunity to help these mothers and their babies each year!



## BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

**Saturday October 12th  
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
refreshments served**

Speakers are Dr. Angela Lanfranchi  
Dr. Lisa Honkanen and  
Msgr. Robert Batule

**St. Matthew RCC, Msgr. Goggin Hall  
35 N. Service Rd., Dix Hills 11746**

RSVP: [huntingtondeanery8@gmail.com](mailto:huntingtondeanery8@gmail.com)  
or by calling (631) 343-3853

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**September 16, 2013**

## The Life Center of Long Island Golf Outing

A not-for-profit organization helping young women in crisis.

**Place:** The Hamlet Golf & Country Club  
Commack NY

### Includes:

Golf-Cart-Driving Range  
Breakfast \* Lunch on the course (2 holes)  
\* Dinner

11:30 Tee Off with Dinner from 4:00 - 6:00  
Your day is completed by 6:30 PM

### Prizes and raffles

\$215 per golfer/\$75 Dinner only

**Please call** Larry DiBlasi at 516-647-8720  
if you wish to play.

**Annual Stand Up for Life Sunday is  
October 6th from 2:00 - 3:30** rain or  
shine on Route 110 and Route 25 in  
Huntington. All are welcome to stand  
with us along Route 110 in front of the  
mall.