

Masses For The Week**Monday - September 16**

6:30 George & Doris Held
9:00 Frank Serventi

Tuesday - September 17

6:30 Marie Taddeo
9:00 George Spencer

Wednesday - September 18

6:30 Kathleen Smith
9:00 Magdalena & Vito LoRusso

Thursday - September 19

6:30 Mary & Jack McCaffery, 50th Wedding Anni
9:00 Charles A. Harvey, Jr. "Chip"

Friday - September 20

6:30 Don Cavanagh, Anniversary
9:00 Murphy & Doolan Families

Saturday - September 21

9:00 **Multiple Intentions Announced at Mass**
5:00 Peter S. Rossello, 7th Anniversary
7:00 Mary & Frank Mingione

Sunday - September 22

7:00 The People of the Parish
8:30 Marcello & Natalie Zadra
10:00 Concetta & Antonio Strocchia
11:30 Gerard & Ann Pepe
1:00 Julie King
5:30 Daniel O'Callaghan

Readings For The Week

Mon. 1 Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 7:1-10
Tues. 1 Timothy 3:1-13; Luke 7:11-17
Wed. 1 Timothy 3:14-16; Luke 7:31-35
Thurs. 1 Timothy 4:12-16; Luke 7:36-50
Fri. 1 Timothy 6:2c-12; Luke 8:1-3
Sat. Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13; Matt 9:9-13
Sun. **Amos 8:4-7** *Amos the prophet of God warned that greedy people who cheat the poor or take advantage of others' misfortune do not escape God's justice.*

1 Timothy 2:1-8 *Paul urged Timothy to preach truth and justice: leaders should respect the dignity of all, and everyone should pray to God with blameless hands.*

Luke 16:1-13 *Jesus encouraged his disciples to have an enterprising spirit. He also warned them: "No servant can serve two masters...You cannot serve both God and mammon."*



Saint Maria
Faustina

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

Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift**Weekend Collection for September 7/8**

Amount Budgeted: \$17,500.00

Amount Received: \$16,921.11

Thank you for your generosity & support!

Reflection & Living Stewardship

We can hear God speaking to us today in the words of the father to his elder son: "You are with me always, and everything I have is yours." What is my response to such remarkable generosity? Do I give joyfully and generously as God gives to me?

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who give not because they possess a lot and can afford it, but rather because of a desire to share what they have with others.

Charismatic Prayer Group**What's God's Plan for You?**

With a few exceptions, those chosen to spread Jesus' message of love, forgiveness and salvation were sinners, thieves or murderers! God doesn't choose the enabled. He enables the chosen. He has a plan for you. What is He calling you to do? He's not on Facebook or Twitter, but He is with us on Monday nights!

Our next meeting is Monday, September 16th at 7:30 p.m. in the School Cafeteria. 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. 9 #458	P. Nicholson	\$25.00
Sept. 10 #410	James & Diana Hughes	\$25.00
Sept. 11 #426	Christine Skrypek	\$25.00
Sept. 12 #251	Rose Shackleton	\$25.00
Sept. 13 #164	Margaret Pigott	\$50.00

Wedding Banns

1st John Neas & Diana Kagan
1st Charles Pace & Jaime Passarella



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

Thank you again for your tremendous generosity to the less fortunate. During the month of August, the Pantry was able to serve 774 people thanks to your generosity. We also extend a big thank you to Donna Pappilo and St Joseph Hospital for running a School Supply Drive for our Pantry and for delivering the many cartons of supplies to us.

This week, the Pantry could use: tea, coffee, juice, tuna, canned chicken, rice, chili, sugar, oil, mayonnaise, pancake mix & syrup, peanut butter, jams & jellies, black beans, cannellini beans, chick peas, cream corn, mixed vegetables, peas, pasta & pasta sauce, canned fruit, cereals, hearty soups, snacks, toilet paper, bar soap, dish soap, diapers (sizes 4 & 6) and baby wipes.

Food Pantry:

208 Broadway, Bethpage

Monday: 9:30AM - 2:30PM

Thursday: 2:00PM – 7:00PM

Phone: (516) 931-7332

Please note that the Padre Pio Holy Hour scheduled for Tuesday September 17th is ***cancelled***. We will announce the next holy hour in a future bulletin.

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 Shiepk
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, Robert Schraff, Michelle Cirillo*

Thought for the Week

Have confidence in God's
mercy, for when you think
He is a long way from you,
He is often quite near.

– Thomas A. Kempis



Week of Sept 15 - 21, 2013

Altar Bread & Wine

*In Loving Memory of
Joseph Cascini*

Rest in Peace

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

**Julie Lombardo, Gloria T. Pape
Daniel Anelli, Elizabeth A. Blake**

Letter from the Pastor

Last week, on September 7th, Pope Francis asked for a day of prayer and fasting to prevent war in Syria. (By the time this comes out in the bulletin, war may have started). I was at San Alfonso Retreat House, conducting a retreat for seventy or so people, among whom were about twenty-five of our parishioners from St. Martin's. I must confess that I did not do too well with the fasting part of his request but, on the retreat, we prayed several times for peace in Syria. I know that we did the same here at St. Martin's for all the Masses on September 7th and 8th. The Holy Father has asked the nations of the world not to go to war in Syria. If our nation does choose to attack Syria over its terrible evil use of chemical weapons on its people, whom do we follow, the Pope or the President?

I am a very patriotic America with a deep love for my country and I love what a deep sense of reverence our parish has for our nation, for our military, for our veterans, and for those who have died in war. Through the beginning work of Father John McKenna CSSR and the ongoing work of Frank De Cicco, we have the names of every American soldier who has died in war since September 11, 2001. Having a recently retired nephew who was in the Special Forces, and deployed several times to both Iraq and Afghanistan, I know a little bit of the great worry, fear and concern that families have for their children who are in harms way, and also how very proud we are of our family members who seek to defend our nation.

I, like all of you, am a Catholic who seeks to follow Jesus, the teachings of his Church, and his vicar on earth, the Holy Father. So, the reality of war is a matter of conscience and prayer. The Church does teach that there are times when a just war can be fought. Here is a brief outline of what is a most serious and complex matter:

The strict conditions for legitimate defense by military force require rigorous consideration. The gravity of such a decision makes it subject to rigorous conditions of moral legitimacy. At one and the same time: the damage inflicted by the aggressor on the nation or community of nations must be lasting, grave, and certain; all other means of putting an end to it must have been shown to be impractical or ineffective; there must be serious prospects of success; the use of arms must not produce evils and disorders graver than the evil to be eliminated. The power of modern means of destruction weighs very heavily in evaluating this condition. These are the traditional elements enumerated in what is called the "just war" doctrine. The evaluation of these conditions for moral legitimacy belongs to the prudential judgment of those who have responsibility for the common good. The Catechism of the Catholic Church

I was a firm supporter of President George W. Bush's decision to invade Iraq. I believe he acted honorably for the sake of our nation. Now, with the insight of 20/20 hindsight, I must say I wonder if the decision was a good one. So many lives of Americans, Iraqis, and men and woman from other nations have been lost. So many people have been maimed and wounded. I am glad Saddam Hussein is gone, but I do wonder if the situation in Iraq is any better today than it was before war started. I now have serious doubts about this war.

Today, President Obama and our national leaders are faced with the great burden of similar decisions. What should the American response be to Syria and Assad's use of chemical weapons? As did President Bush, I believe President Obama seeks to do what is best for the nation and the world in the face of evil. Knowing what that is, is no easy matter.

Our Holy Father's desire for no war is important for our reflection. He has called for prayer and fasting to touch the human hearts involved on all sides of this conflict to move toward peace rather than violence.

I read the following piece online the other day. It was dated September 6th:

On Friday's CBS This Morning, Mark Phillips all but hinted that Pope Francis had "taken sides" with Russia's Vladimir Putin and against President Obama in the international debate over military strikes in Syria. Phillips proposed that the Pope's letter to Putin "must have been music to the Russian president's ears." Phillips led his report by noting that "popes have urged peace before. Remember, John Paul II was firmly against the Gulf War. This pope, Francis, is now actively arguing against military action against Syria. And the question is, "does it matter?" The CBS correspondent continued by outlining Pope Francis's recent actions on the Syria issue:

Phillips said: This pope with the common touch has been uncommonly active, lobbying against an attack on Syria. He's used his last two major public appearances in St. Peter's Square to appeal to world leaders – and that primarily means President Obama – not to do it...Pope Francis has followed up his appeal by writing to Vladimir Putin as current president of the G-20. 'Armed conflicts create profound divisions and deep wounds, which require many years to heal,' he said. It must have been music to the Russian president's ears. The Pope may be taking a moral position, in his mind, but in arguing against military action, he has entered into the world of partisan international politics. He's taken sides.

I do not seek to attack Mark Phillips for what he said. I believe his view is that of many mainstream journalists. It would be my sense that they would consider the Holy Father naïve about world events and the Church should stick to things that it knows. I could not disagree more. First of all the Church has two thousand years of experience with nations and groups that choose to go to war. There have been times when the Church itself called for war (these are also difficult matters to historically judge). If our Church that seeks to follow Jesus, who taught us to love one another and to forgive our enemies, has nothing to say about war, then it should cease to exist. War, whether just or unjust, has a terrible impact on the millions of people.

I do not think the Pope, as Phillips says, "is taking sides." I think the Holy Father is taking the side of the victims of war. He is begging the leaders of the world to take alternative steps to the terrible situation in Syria. He is calling for world leaders to seek a path that will bring peace to the world. I would say he is taking the side of humanity.

Phillips goes on to say that popes have spoken against wars in the past and it has made little difference. I think the reporter fails to see the power of moral authority in terms of religious leaders, in particular the Holy Father. There was a famous statement made of Joseph Stalin when he was warned not to do something because the Pope at that time condemned what he was planning. Stalin cynically said, "The Pope! How many armies does *he* have?"

History would teach that Stalin was wrong: He is dead, the Iron Curtain has fallen, the Berlin Wall struck down, and Communism is on the decline in the world. Many experts credit John Paul II as one of the key factors in the fall of communism. When the Pope visited Poland, a land under the rule of the communists, the people chanted: "*We want God, We want God!*" The Pope has no armies but he has the power to speak the message of Jesus Christ to the world.

So, you and I pray for peace. I feel absolutely helpless as I consider the Middle East and its millenniums of war and division. Peace almost seems impossible. I am also afraid that the dispute with Syria, Iran or Iraq, could spark a third world war. Historians have taught us that the causes of war are never clear and what begins as a small battle can turn into global destruction. In the face of the complexity of the world situations of Middle East turmoil and world terrorism, I feel absolutely helpless. My only option is to cry out to God for his healing presence and peace. ***“O Lord, grant your people peace!”***

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O, Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; it is in dying that we are born again to eternal life.

Father Pat, CSSR

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**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>.

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.

Lecture Series

Presented by Fr. Jim McCabe, CSSR


**“Everything You Wanted to Know About
GOD, but Were Afraid to Ask!”**

This is a weekly Monday night series
7:30 - 8:30 PM
St. Alphonsus Hall

October 21 - Old Testament
October 28 - New Testament
November 4 - Islam
November 11 - Vatican II

The talk is 30 minutes and then
30 minutes for questions.

If there are no questions, the session
ends after the lecture.

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 or contact Erin at EKHoran@yahoo.com.



The Edge program is for all middle school aged students (6th-8th grade). Edge meets every other Thursday evening from 7-8:30pm. This program is a wonderful way for young adolescents to grow in their faith as well as build lasting friendships.



Parent Life 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

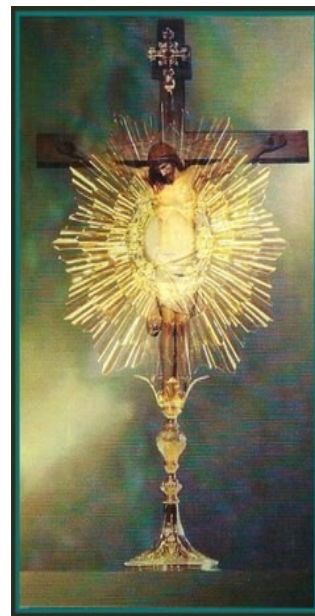
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

The next Adoration service is
Tuesday, October 8th 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!



St. Pius X Enriched Living Facility

"Caring for Those who Cared for Us"

The special collection for retired priests, living at St. Pius X Enriched Living Facility, will take place the weekend of September 21/22.

Our Priests at retirement often have given forty years or more to the mission of our Church and bringing people closer to Christ. The St. Pius X Residence enables these dedicated men who need extra care and attention to live at a facility that provides them with that special care, while still enabling them to serve as active fully engaged members of the community.

The Catholic Church of Long Island is blessed and privileged to be able to care for our senior priests - men who have dedicated their lives to serving God and our community.

We welcome your support of this important endeavor. For more information or to donate online go to www.drvc.org/stpiusx or call 516-379-5210 ext 229.

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.

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

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.

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, call the Diocese at 516-678-5800 x 207.



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 19th @ 7pm

OLPH Youth Center (located in the school building)

Please RSVP by Wednesday 9/18

RSVP & More Info: EKHoran@Yahoo.com

OPEN HOUSE

**Chaminade High School
 340 Jackson Avenue
 Mineola NY 11501**

**Saturday, October 5, 2013
 2:00 - 4:00 P.M.**



OPEN HOUSE



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

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

"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!



Retreat at San Alfonso



Last weekend, seventy or so people gathered for a weekend retreat at San Alfonso Retreat House in Long Branch, New Jersey. I am happy to say that 25 parishioners from St. Martin of Tours attended. The retreat was led by Father John McGowan and me. As you may know, the setting at San Alfonso is beautiful; the property is right on the Atlantic Ocean. The retreat began with supper on Friday evening and ended with lunch on Sunday. The food at the retreat is very good, especially the desserts.

During the weekend, there were prayer services, two Masses, two conferences, and an outdoor rosary. I believe those making the retreats enjoyed this pro-

gram very much. The theme of the retreat was "Coming to know our Lord Jesus Christ in a deeper way." We reflected on where we were in our lives at the present time and who was Jesus to us. We also had a good amount of free time so that the participants could rest, enjoy the lovely setting, and be with one another.

I want to express a word of thanks to all our parishioners who participated. I also thank those who drove for the trip and allowed the use of their cars. A special word of thanks to Father Ciya who drove down to Long Branch on Friday and came back to Bethpage for the weekend Masses and then returned to help drive parishioners home. He was very generous.

I do hope that we can offer this retreat again next year, usually at around the same time. I know some have never made a retreat and can be a bit apprehensive about what it will be like. I can assure you that you will enjoy your time at San Alfonso and that it will bring you many spiritual blessings. You do not have to be a saint or holy to be on the retreat - I go all the time and look at me! Father Pat

Saturday, September 28, 2013 at 9:00 AM

"If you build it, she will run" 5K walk/ run

After 64 years, over 10,000 Alumnae of Sacred Heart Academy and 900 current students are celebrating a home field and 1/5 mile track.

We invite all to celebrate with us by participating!

Please visit www.sacredheartacademy.org/main/5K for registration and race day information!! Be a part of SHA HERstory!

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH

The month of October brings with it God's gift to us in this season of spectacular color. Just to view the trees as they change from green to crimson, yellow, orange and gold, brings about such excitement. The days grow shorter, the harvest begins, and we notice how life is changing around us. What a time to celebrate Life! The change of seasons always brings about the awareness of God's hand in our creation, and the world he has created for us. What a way to welcome October, as Respect Life Month than to print this beautiful story about Pope Francis reaching out to a young girl by the name of Anna Romano.

Excerpts from Catholic Herald.co.uk

Pope Francis has said he will baptize the unborn child of a woman who refused to have an abortion, after he telephoned her when she sent him an emotional letter. Anna Romano, 35 was on holiday when her mobile started to ring with a mystery number on the screen and she was stunned to find herself speaking to the Pope.

Anna, from Arezzo, near Florence in central Italy, had written to Pope Francis earlier this summer to describe her turmoil at having discovered she was pregnant by a man who, unknown to her, was already married with a child and who demanded she terminate the pregnancy. In the letter, she described to Pope Francis her dilemma and said to him, "I married when I was young and things didn't work out and I got divorced. I now thought I had met a man who was the man of my dreams." In June I discovered I was pregnant through him and when I told him instead of being happy, he told me he was already married, had a child and to have an abortion."

I told him that I would not have an abortion and told him to get out of my life." Anna added how she was "in a desperate and anguished state" and that she was writing to Pope Francis because she had "no one else to turn to, after being humiliated and betrayed. I addressed the letter simply to Pope Francis, the Vatican, and put it in the post. I really didn't expect to get a reply but then, out of the blue, I got a call from him. I would never have imagined that the Pope would pick up a telephone and call me and speak to me as if I were a dear friend. He reassured me and said a CHILD WAS A GIFT FROM GOD, A SIGN OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE and that I would NEVER BE LEFT ALONE. He said that as Christians WE SHOULD NEVER BE AFRAID."

"He told me I had been very brave and strong for my unborn child. I told him that I wanted to baptize the baby when it was born, but I was afraid as I was divorced and a single mother...but he said he would be my spiritual father and he would baptize my baby.

"I hope my letter will be an example for other women who feel they may be distant from the Church simply because they have chosen the wrong man, they are divorced or they are with men who are not worthy of being fathers. I don't know the sex of the baby but if Pope Francis does baptize it and it is a boy, I HAVE NO DOUBT OF HIS NAME....FRANCIS."

<http://www.catholicherald.co.uk/news2013/09/06> other sources:

<http://www.lifesitenews.com/news/pope> <http://nypost.com/2013/09/pope-phones-l>

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!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sept 17: Padre Pio Devotions **CANCELLED**
- Sept 19: Young Family Ministry Kickoff 7PM
- Sept 24: VIRTUS Training 7PM
- Oct 12: Our Lady of Fatima Noon Prayer Service
- Oct 12/13: Baby Bottle Campaign
- Oct 21, 28, Nov 4 & 11: Lectures by Fr. Jim

In-Home Pre-Cana

St. Martin of Tours In-Home Pre-Cana Program begins this Sunday night, September 15th and continues until the closing on October 20th at the 11:30 a.m. Mass.

Please keep the engaged couples as well as the married couple facilitating the group in your prayers. Thank you for your support.

Interested in working the program? Please call us at 796-5520 for more information. We need you!

Deacon Jim and Carmela Biggin

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 www.virtus.com, 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, September 24th at 7PM
St. Alphonsus Hall**

HELP WANTED!



As you know, the parish will be addressing some of our significant practical concerns (such as paving the parking lots, school roof, bricks and so on). We already have some very talented parishioners who advise me on these projects and I am looking to expand this committee.

So if you work in the field of construction, roofing, paving, or building maintenance, or have worked with contracts and bids for such projects, your help would be a great blessing to the parish.

I am not looking for people to do these jobs, but rather men and women who can advise me on whom to choose to do the work and how to plan such projects. The pay on this committee will be small, but we offer benefits that include eternal life and salvation as you serve a former Carpenter who gave his life for all of us. Contact me at woodscsr@aol.com or (516) 931-0818.

Father Pat, CSSR

OCTOBER PRAYER SERVICE OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Please mark your calendars for a special prayer service to Our Lady of Fatima to counter today's secularists trends. Let us ask God through the Prayer of the Rosary of His Most Holy Mother to bless and help our country.



**Saturday, October 12, 2013 at
12:00 Noon
St. Martin of Tours Church
Bethpage**

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 USArmy, Finally HOME!!!

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 currently 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!

INFORMATION FOR LITURGICAL MINISTRY TRAINING FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION, LECTORS, USHERS/HOSPITALITY

Session "A" is required of **all** Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Those who minister in hospitals, nursing homes and to homebound persons are also required to attend Session "B". Please write a letter to Father Pat Woods, CSSR expressing your desire to become an EM. **TO REGISTER FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER TRAINING:** the pastor of the parish must send a letter to Bishop Murphy **at least 10 days in advance** requesting the training for each person attending. **This letter must mention the date and location of the session the person will attend.**

For Lectors, Ushers/Hospitality Training, please call the Office of Worship at (516) 678-5800 x 504 and give your preference for location, date and time.

TIMES AND PLACES FOR MINISTRY TRAINING:

In Nassau:

EM "A" Session, Lector,
 Hospitality/Usher Training
 October 19, 2013; 9 AM—1 PM
 Kellenberg Memorial High School, Uniondale

"B" session for Extraordinary Ministers

November 9, 2013; 9 AM—1 PM
 Kellenberg Memorial High School, Uniondale

In Suffolk:

EM "A" Session, Lector,
 Hospitality/Usher Training
 October 5, 2013; 9 AM—1 PM
 McGann Mercy High School, Riverhead

"B" Session for Extraordinary Ministers

November 2, 2013; 9 AM—1 PM
 McGann Mercy High School, Riverhead

EVENING SESSIONS for Extraordinary Ministers, Lectors, Hospitality/Ushers at St. Elizabeth, Melville.

Session "A" - Wednesday, October 16, 2013; 7:30—10 PM

Session "B" - Wednesday, October 30, 2013; 7:30—10PM

WORKSHOP FEES: Extraordinary Ministers of Communion: \$30 per person (fee paid by St. Martin's)
 Lectors, Hospitality/Usher: \$20 per person (fee paid by St. Martin's)

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
to register your child.**

**For additional information, contact coordinator
Gynni Farrell at 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!



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.

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
or by calling (631) 343-3853

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**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.