

Masses For The Week**Monday - September 23**

6:30 Antonio & Elisa Saulino & Family
9:00 John Lettis

Tuesday - September 24

6:30 Joseph Cascini
9:00 Peter Sousa

Wednesday - September 25

6:30 Anthony Ducato
9:00 Claude Fusco III

Thursday - September 26

6:30 Jerry Alfinito
9:00 George Spindler

Friday - September 27

6:30 All Souls
9:00 John Rochford, Living

Saturday - September 28

9:00 **Multiple Intentions Announced at Mass**
5:00 Mary & Frank Mingione
7:00 Kubera & Healy Families

Sunday - September 29

7:00 The People of the Parish
8:30 Rudy & Stefanie Casal
10:00 Henry Spindler
11:30 Aida Carusio
1:00 Mary-Gwen Imbornoni
5:30 Mary Faderl

Readings For The Week

Mon. Ezra 1:1-6; Luke 8:16-18
Tues. Ezra 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Luke 8:19-21
Wed. Ezra 9:5-9; Luke 9:1-6
Thurs. Haggai 1:1-8; Luke 9:7-9
Fri. Haggai 2:1-9; Luke 9:18-22
Sat. Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15a; Luke 9:43b-45
Sun. **Amos 6:1a, 4-7** *Amos, God's prophet, rejected the individualistic, consumeristic values of lazy, greedy and unjust people who ignore the rights of the poor. Their life of ease will be ended.*

1 Timothy 6:11-16 Paul exhorted Timothy to "pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience and gentleness."

Luke 16:19-31 Jesus told the story about the rich man and Lazarus so that his listeners would repent and put their faith in God. Then they, too, like Lazarus, will rest in the bosom of Abraham.

Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift**Weekend Collection for September 14/15**

Amount Budgeted: \$17,500.00

Amount Received: \$16,817.83

Thank you for your generosity & support!

Reflection & Living Stewardship

The dishonest manager in today's parable knew how to manipulate money to his own advantage. But the Gospel warns that no one can serve both God and money. Which do I serve? Is my stewardship such that anyone can tell?

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who seek to "possess lightly," knowing that Jesus taught about the dangers of clinging to material possessions and always pointed to the real treasures available to us.

Charismatic Prayer Group**REALITY TV**

Isn't it odd that "Reality Shows" are anything **but** reality! True reality is here on Monday nights. We have people who are lost - Jesus finds them! People who are sad or in pain - Jesus comforts them! People who are scared - Jesus calms them! Come and get your dose of reality.

Our next meeting is Monday, September 23th 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.



Saint Maria
Faustina

Divine Mercy Novena

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

St. Martin of Tours HOP Club

Sept. 16 #518	Ann Meehan	\$25.00
Sept. 17 #465	M/M Jerome Viviano	\$25.00
Sept. 18 #130	M/M Robert Franzke	\$25.00
Sept. 19 #216	Irene Mosca	\$25.00
Sept. 20 #220	D. & M. Tiederman	\$250.00

Wedding Banns

2nd John Neas & Diana Kagan
 2nd Charles Pace & Jaime Passarella

Banns Only - Marriage in Another Parish Church

1st Joseph Simone & Christine Sullivan



*"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 Chef Boyardee cans, peas, mixed vegetables, creamed corn, pancake mix and syrup, ketchup, mayonnaise, sugar, oil, pasta sauce, cake mix and icing, pork and beans, chick peas, black beans, white beans, hearty soups, jams or jellies, peanut butter, yams, tea bags, tissues, toilet paper, bar soap, laundry soap, tooth brushes and tooth paste.

As always, we are so grateful for your continued support.

Food Pantry:

208 Broadway, Bethpage

Monday: 9:30AM - 2:30PM
 Thursday: 2:00PM - 7:00PM
 Phone: (516) 931-7332

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 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
 Mary Henson, Mary Lynn Brassil*

Thought for the Week

*"Happiness cannot be traveled to,
 owned, earned, or worn.
 It is the spiritual experience of living
 every minute with love,
 grace & gratitude."*

- Denis Waitley



*Week of Sept 22 - 28, 2013
 Altar Bread & Wine*

*In Loving Memory of
 Jim O'Neill*

Rest in Peace

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

**Theresa Lauther, Carmela Mannetta
 Maria Catherine Niemczyk
 Sonia Lilianna Coffey**

Letter from the Pastor
Paving the Way for Christ

Dear Parishioners,

As a Redemptorist, I have traveled to many parishes to give retreats and missions. The parishioners in most of these parishes were very happy with their priests and homilies. Occasionally however, I have heard through the years a complaint that went something like this: "All our pastor ever talks about is money!" When I heard that criticism, I said to myself that I was grateful I wasn't in a position to have to speak much about money since I was not a parish pastor. I never wanted to be accused of being a priest who only spoke about money, and quite honestly, I think no priest really ever wants that said about him.

So, I am going to talk to you about money! Something, I must confess, on one level, makes me a bit uncomfortable since I know how hard you have to work for your salaries; how some of you may be unemployed; how you worry about college tuitions and the needs of your children. There are those of you who are living on fixed incomes, barely making ends meet. There are those dealing with serious medical concerns in the family, others may be paying off loans, and on top of all that, there are the taxes of Nassau County. Although I have only been at St. Martin's for two years, I know that many of you face financial challenges. I also know that you are wonderful parishioners who love your parish.

We publish weekly what the parish received in the offertory collection. Very often it is on budget and other times a bit over. Sometimes we get less than budgeted. Our regular weekly collection is good and we are paying our bills and meeting our payroll. I believe our entire staff takes most seriously the need to be good stewards of what you contribute to the parish. As I have said several times, our parish runs well with a small staff that works very hard and quite professionally. I am confident that our parishioners will continue, as you have, to be supportive of the parish you love.

At the same time, we are now entering into a Capital Campaign in which we hope to raise at least 1.2 million dollars, and we really would seek to meet the campaign goal of 1.5 million. Why do we need this money and why now? As we study our property and buildings in consultation with building engineers and other experts, we realize we need to repair our school's roof and bricks. We also know that we must completely uproot the parking lot and repave it. These are absolute necessities that should be done in the next three or four years in a systematic way. If they are not done, there could be deterioration of the buildings with the possibility of bricks falling, water infiltration from the roof, and a parking lot that is difficult to navigate.

We also added to the list of needs the following: new boilers for the school that would convert us from oil to gas (which we think would save the parish money), renovations of the bathrooms in the cafeteria and St. Alphonsus Hall, creating a meeting room in the second room in the hall, and some minor renovations in the Parish Outreach Center. These are important needs, but not at the same level of the needs of the school and parking lot. Finally, if we were to reach our goal of 1.5 million, there is the hope that the school auditorium could become a space where the younger people of the parish could play sports such as basketball or volleyball. (And maybe some adults, if their jump shot is not too high in arcing).

Many of our parishioners no longer use the school since their children are grown. Still without the school, we would not have a religious education program. We would not be able to prepare the children of the parish for the sacraments. Last year, we had almost 1,300 children attend religious education in the five sessions that are held weekly. We have some various social programs in the cafeteria and in the auditorium. The Young at Heart, a program that has many senior women parishioners participating, also uses the school. We also host Alcoholics Anonymous which is an important work of the community. The care of the school is essential to the functioning of our parish.

This capital campaign is the result of a long consultation with parishioners, the parish financial committee, the parish pastoral committee, and the diocese. We decided to hire a firm, Lynch Associates, to guide us in the campaign. Again, after serious consultation, I came to believe that it was best to have outside help assisting us. To this point, I have been very happy with their work. It is hard to get exact numbers on what the projects will cost. We have gathered some projected estimates, but I have also heard those words that I am sure you have in terms of repairs: "we won't know exactly what it will cost until we get in there and see the damage." We believe the absolute necessary projects (the school roof, bricks and parking lot) will cost at least 1 million dollars, possibly more.

We will be asking parishioners to make a pledge to the campaign based on what they believe they can do in terms of making a sacrifice for the parish. I know some people, based on their economic situations, can donate more than others. *We are asking for equal sacrifice not equal giving.* One family or person may be able to give \$25,000.00, another \$500.00, another \$50.00 and another \$5.00. Only you can decide that. If you were to give \$3,000.00 over the course of three years, that would come out to \$2.00 a day. If a significant number of our active members could give \$3,000.00, we would be able to reach the goal of \$1.5 million. When one makes a pledge, it can be paid over three years, either yearly, quarterly, or monthly. The pledge is not a legal commitment, but one that will be honored unless some unforeseen events were to happen and you could not afford it.

I am still working on deciding how we will honor parishioners who commit to assisting in the campaign with some kind of recognition, such as the tree we have in our gathering area. I wish to recognize all who give to the campaign. We will be asking for volunteers to help with the campaign, some of which may call you and ask you to consider pledging. We do this not to pressure you, but to make the campaign more personal.

We have a wonderful parish. I do not want anyone to feel in any way, that if they are unable to assist in the campaign, or can only give a small sum, that they are not good parishioners. If you felt that way, it would break my heart. You do what you can do. Although I am a proud Irishman, I want no one feeling guilty about what they could or could not do in this campaign. No guilt! I can only ask you to be generous according to your means. I also ask you to keep up your regular support of the parish in the collection. That is fundamental to the daily working of the parish.

This campaign, except for the redemption of the pledges, a three year process, will end before Thanksgiving of 2013. We will not be talking about money for the next three years. As the money comes in over the course of the next three years, our building committee, and our pastoral and financial councils will be taking the next step to address the projects that I have mentioned and I will be keeping you informed about them.

The theme of our Capital Campaign is *Paving the Way For Christ*. I always love Advent and the message of preparing for the coming of Jesus. As I thought about that and our parking lot, I came up with Paving the Way for Christ. Whatever we do at St. Martin's, be it celebrating Christmas Eve Mass or cleaning the bathrooms, the goal of every action is about helping us all come to deepen our love for Jesus who so loved us that he came among us as a man and died for us and rose on the third day.

I began by saying I never wanted to be a priest who was always talking about money. I hope you do not feel that way. Still, I feel that I am fulfilling my responsibility as pastor in calling for this campaign. If I did not, I believe I would be failing you as pastor and steward of the assets that you and your families have created over the years. I believe in what we are doing and I thank you for all you do and will do to continue to help us Pave the Way for Christ. May Our Lady of Perpetual Help and St. Martin of Tours intercede with Jesus for blessings on this campaign.

Father Pat, CSSR

woodscssr@aol.com; www.smtbethpage.org

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!**

**CHRISTIAN MOTHERS ROSARY
CONFRATERNITY
INVESTITURE FOR NEW MEMBERS**

**Tuesday, October 1, 2013
7:30PM**

Saint Alphonsus Hall

Rosary and CMRC Prayers,
followed by a brief business meeting.

A talk by Father Ciya Thomas, CSsR will be
presented on "Motherhood."

If you would like to be invested,
please call Janet Dion at 433-9340.

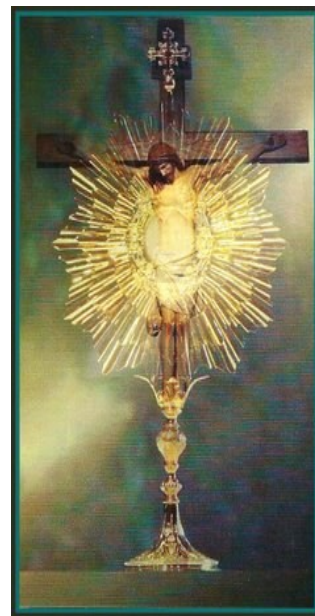
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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 **this weekend, 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, November 3rd at the Church of Christ the King in Commack.** The liturgy will begin at 2:30 p.m. Registration forms and complete instructions can be obtained at the rectory.

Registration forms **must be received** by the Office of Worship 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.



"If you ever feel distressed during your day -- call upon our Lady -- just say this simple prayer: 'Mary, Mother of Jesus, please be a mother to me now.' I must admit -- this prayer has never failed me." Blessed Mother Teresa

I want to thank Tom & Susan Dwyer, Vic Sirianni, Jim Belmonte and Helen Kurlowicz for the very devout and beautiful triduum they conducted on September 8, 9, and 10th in honor of the Birthday of the Blessed Mother, a feast that the church celebrates on September 8th.

There was an excellent response of people from our parish and other local parishes to these devotions. I found them to be very prayerful.

As is true for some of other prayer gatherings that are held in the parish, they were organized and led by the laity. All Catholics by virtue of their very baptisms, are called to service in the Church. Certainly, these individuals did that so very well as they honored the Mother of God.

Father Pat Woods

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.

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



Part-Time Music Director for St. James, RCC Seaford, NY

Summary of Position: (Part Time: 15-20 hours a week) Music Director responsible to the Pastor

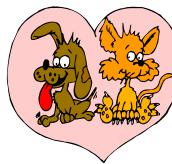
Duties: Will plan and direct a parish music program under the guidance of the pastor. Individual will provide music selections for all major liturgies throughout the year, including Saturday evenings and Sunday masses, all Holy Day Services, First Holy Communion and Confirmation masses. Will schedule and train all cantors for masses. Work with adult and children choirs and congregation.

Requirements: Ideal candidate will be committed to inspiring the whole parish to worship God through music according to the norms of the Catholic Church. Candidate must have knowledge of Roman Catholic Liturgy. □ Additional fees are paid for wedding and funeral liturgies held in the parish.

Send Resume to:

Fr. John Derasmo, Pastor
St. James Church
80 Hicksville Road
Seaford, NY 11783
PHONE: (516) 731-3710
FAX: (516) 731-4828

Blessing of the Animals



In honor of St. Francis of Assisi, the blessing of the animals will take place in front of the garage (look for the statue of Blessed Seelos) on Sunday, October 6th at approximately 2:15. All are welcome!

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!



Prayer and Witness in the Public Square **ROSARY RALLY FOR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY** **and the Preservation of Catholic Healthcare**

Join with fellow Catholics from Long Island parishes in prayerful petition to the Queen of the Most Holy Rosary.

Please stand and pray with us on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5th from 10 to 11:30 AM in the front parking lot of Good Samaritan Hospital located at 1000 Montauk Highway, West Islip. Also speakers will give us the latest news

on this imminent threat to our Catholic Hospitals. Limited seating will be available for the handicapped.

The mandate from Health and Human Services (HHS) calls for fines on Catholic hospitals, and other religious institutions of \$100 per day per employee, as of January 1, 2014, if they do not comply with new mandates for health insurance coverage of products and services that directly violate Catholic teachings. The threat to 1st amendment freedom of religious and conscience is critical and imminent. For more information, please call 631-896-8331

ST. MARTIN OF TOURS PARISH
"PAVING THE WAY FOR CHRIST"

Vol. 1

September 21, 2013



**OVER \$300,000 FROM 46 FAMILIES/
 INDIVIDUALS!!!!
 BECOME A VOLUNTEER!!!!!!**

Thank you to the following parishioners who have made their pledge of sacrifice to our Capital Campaign. Our campaign is off to a great start; however we can only meet our goal through the participation of the entire parish. Over the course of the next few months you will be hearing more about our capital campaign. **This listing is updated as of Tuesday, September 17th at 12:00 P.M.** Should there be any discrepancies or questions about this listing please contact the parish office at (516) 931-0818. *If you do not wish to have your name listed please indicate it on your pledge card or call the parish office.*

Patrick and Patricia Astegher
 Carolyn Bernhard
 Deacon Jim and Carmela Biggin
 John and Kathleen Brolly
 Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cagna
 John and Maureen Castles
 Tony and Ronny Ciarniello
 Mary Lou Connolly
 Michael and Betty Croan
 Patricia Cunningham
 Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Della Rocca
 James and Kathleen Devine
 Janet Dion
 Eugene and Lucia Doupe
 Thomas and Anne Emmerson

John and Christine Farrell
 Louis and Maria Fielack
 Thomas and Kathleen Frost
 Michael and Roberta Grieco
 Anthony Hernandez
 George and Eleanor Hoban
 Edward and Sarah Indelicato
 John and Noreen Joyce
 John and Veronica Lawlor
 Robert and Linda Lomot
 John and Connie Lynam
 Andrew and Christine Macchio
 Sean and Jane Marsar
 Francis and Kate Mayerhofer
 John and Mary McCaffery

John and Carol McGlynn
 John and Karen McTigue
 Edward and Denise McNamara
 Martin and Jacqueline Meaney
 Andrew and Ellen Murray
 John and Margaret O'Mara
 O'Shea Funeral Home
 Joseph and Barbara Pace
 Donna Reardon
 Lori and Patricia Ricci
 Michael and Marie Romeo
 Dolores Sgaraglio
 Diane Sheehan
 Vincent and Lucille Ventura
 Nancy Zappala

Lay Leadership Quote:

As in every family, we need to take care of our home so we can continue to invite and welcome those that come through our doors. We are the caretakers of St Martin's parish. It is time for us to step up and take care of the vital parts of our parish. This is our home. We need to take care of it so it will be here for years to come.

Kate Mayerhofer
Campaign Co-Chair

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the timeframe for the capital campaign?

The duration of the capital campaign will be three to four months, which will provide sufficient time for donors to prayerfully consider their pledge amount. A redemption period of 36 months will follow the capital campaign. During this period, donors will fulfill their pledge commitments. Donors may fulfill their gifts in full, or by making monthly, quarterly or annual payments. If there is another payment option you would like us to consider, please contact Father Woods or a member of the Campaign Committee.

How does one make a pledge?

A considerable number of dedicated parishioners will be volunteering their time to contact all parishioners to ask them to make a gift to the campaign. They will be glad to assist in making a pledge commitment and answer any questions. Pledge cards will also be made available in the church and Parish Office through the months of October and November. Please feel free to call the Parish Office with any questions you may have.

We cannot emphasize enough the concept of **Equal Sacrifice Not Equal Giving**. This means that not everybody can make the same size gift, but they can make the same size sacrifice through prayer, consideration, and reflection.

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

OPEN YOUR HEARTS TO LIFE!

"OPEN YOUR HEARTS TO LIFE!" has been a favorite theme of POPE FRANCIS and one that has particular urgency today, as the "CULTURE OF DEATH" is gaining an ever wider foothold. Some may think the phrase "CULTURE OF DEATH" is too grim or too exaggerated because, on the surface at least, ours looks like a culture of fun and pleasure. Most Americans are living comfortably, indulging in a tantalizing array of food and drink, and entertaining themselves with high-speed Internet and hundreds of cable-channels. And...among many young singles, casual sexual encounters are the norm. We live in a culture dedicated to maximizing pleasure and minimizing pain and inconvenience.

No less than the U.S. Supreme Court has told us that it is our choice to live as we wish...letting nothing and no one stand in our way, including the child who may be growing in her mother's womb. In upholding legal abortion for ANY REASON or NONE, the Court declared in PLANNED PARENTHOOD V. CASEY: "At the heart of liberty is the right to define one's own concept of existence, of meaning, of the universe, and of the mystery of human life." But when "liberty" leads to the doorstep of Kermit Gosnell and other abortion practitioners who have been in the news, we are forced to confront our culture's real views of human life.

OPENING OUR HEARTS TO LIFE means that we REJECT THE KILLING OF HUMAN BEINGS FROM THE MOMENT OF CONCEPTION TO THEIR NATURAL DEATH....by ABORTIFICIENT "CONTRACEPTIVES" and ABORTION, in destructive EMBRYO RESEARCH and IVF procedures, by DENYING LIFE-SAVING TREATMENT TO THOSE WITH DISABILITIES, and by "HASTENING DEATH" OF THE ELDERLY AND DYING IN ASSISTED SUICIDE AND EUTHANASIA. OPENING OUR HEARTS TO LIFE, means OPPOSING THE DEATH PENALTY, as well as SLAVERY, HUMAN TRAFFICKING, TERRORISM, and UNJUST WAR, and that WE WORK to eradicate the conditions that prevent our brothers and sisters from realizing their full human potential.

That is what family is meant to be: a haven of unconditional love, acceptance, affirmation and consolation, where children learn by modeling their parents to accept others and love generously, to share with and care for those in need. It is a place to learn humility and mercy, to learn to imitate Christ. Like the saints, we can learn to love others sacrificially by recognizing our own weakness and littleness, and by begging God to transform us.

The irony is that LASTING HAPPINESS in this life is found in GIVING OF ONESELF GENEROUSLY TO OTHERS. The mother of a child who is ill can't help but be moved to comfort her baby through the night...to suffer with him. The son of an ELDERLY PARENT with dementia can't help but respond with patience and affirmation to the often repeated stories, questions and fears. THOSE WHO LOVE NEED NO OTHER REWARD BEYOND THE HAPPINESS THEY FEEL IN KNOWING THEY HAVE BROUGHT COMFORT TO ANOTHER PERSON.

Excerpts: Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities..USCCB

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sept 24: VIRTUS Training 7PM
- Oct 1: Christian Mothers:
New Members Investiture 7:30PM
- Oct 12: Our Lady of Fatima Noon Prayer Service
- Oct 12/13: Baby Bottle Campaign
- Oct 20: Closing Pre-Cana Mass 11:30AM
- Oct 21, 28, Nov 4 & 11: Lectures by Fr. Jim

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**

Vendors Wanted Holiday Craft Fair Extravaganza

Saturday, November 30, 2013

St. James Church
80 Hicksville Road
Seaford NY 11783

Call 516-731-3710 for more information



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.

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:



MAJ Brian McGrath, US Army - Safely Home
 CPT Gregory Holownia, US Army
 PO3 Matthew Sadecki, US Coast Guard
 CPL Zachary John Sheehy, USMC
 PVT Travis Ruggiero, US Army, Afghanistan
 PVT Dennis Diesel, USMC
 PVT James Kruper, USMC
 PFC Matthew P. Sirianni, US Army
 CPT Conor B. Murphy, USMC, Okinawa, Japan
 2LT 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**

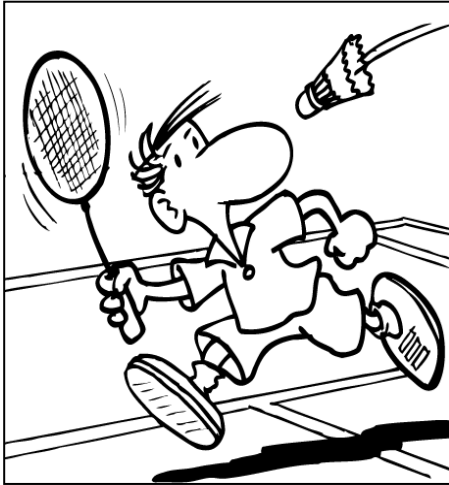
Speakers are Dr. Angela Lanfranchi
Dr. Lisa Honkanen and
Msgr. Robert Batule

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

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

Sponsored by Deanery 8
Diocese of Rockville Centre

**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.



A Challenge

Father Ciya is one of the greatest badminton players that India has ever produced! He has set up a court in the school auditorium.

If anyone can beat him in a match, he will treat that person to a Quadriginocuple Frap" (costs \$47.30) at Starbucks. Contact him at: ciyacsr@hotmail.com

Announcement from the Sisters of Charity-Halifax

Tickets are now on sale for the Elizabeth Ann Seton Award Luncheon to be held on Sunday, November 10, 2013 at the Milleridge Inn in Jericho NY from 1-4PM. Please join the Sisters of Charity-Halifax in honoring this year's award recipients: Patricia Oettinger, Father Danny Murphy, and Sister Mary Beth Moore, SC.

Tickets are \$65. Sponsorship and advertising opportunities are available. For further information or to make reservations, please contact Sister Marie Sorenson at (718) 424-1813 or email msorenson@schalifax.ca

Part Time Position Available

St. James Parish in Seaford is looking for a parish cook. Duties include dinner on Monday, Tuesday and Saturday evenings. Occasional lunches, as required. Weekly shopping and kitchen cleaning.

Please call Father John
at 516-731-3710.

Part Time Position Available

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Lindenhurst is looking for a part-time receptionist. The person must be personable, be able to multi-task, computer knowledgeable, and a quick learner. Eight to sixteen hours per week.

Please contact Deacon Tom Bast via email at tbast@oloph.org.

God Bless All our Catechists

Last Sunday we celebrated Catechetical Sunday in preparation for entering into our religious education program. The role of a catechist in the Catholic Church is most important. Catechists are the men and women who, by the grace of God, seek to pass on faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. They have a very important role in the life of the church and the parish of St. Martin of Tours. In our religious education program under the guidance of Deacon Jim Biggin and our two coordinators, Pat Ryan and Laura Leigh Agnese, we have an excellent team of men and woman catechists, hall monitors, and aides who work diligently to pass on the Catholic faith to our children. We average about 1,300 students a year in the program, with 85 catechists and 20 hall monitors. These men and women prepare our students for the sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Communion and Confirmation. I can tell you from personal experience that they take their mission as catechists very seriously.

Ann Hughes, Karen Sullivan and Father Henry Sattler lead our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults for the parish and they prepare men and women who want to enter the Catholic Church. They do marvelous work in this program. Erin Horan, along with her volunteers, guides and helps deepen the Christian experience in our young people in the Edge and Life Teen programs. I also want to mention Deacon Gene Capobianco and Karen Sullivan who guide our baptismal program. They have a wonderful team of parishioners who work with the parents of those to be baptized in preparing them for this beautiful sacrament.

Jim and Carmella Biggin coordinate an excellent team of parishioners who help prepare couples for the Sacrament of Matrimony. Deacon Tom Hennessy continues to prepare outstanding courses for adult education. Under the direction of Pat Astarita and her team of dedicated volunteers, the parish had its first summer bible camp.

All of these programs are about passing on the faith to people. The men and women who serve in these programs are true catechists who love their own faith and wish to share it with others. How blessed is our parish to have so many men and women who are willing and happy to do these very important ministries.

A Catechist's Prayer

Father of all families, you have called me to serve the family in truth and love as a catechist. May I be faithful to this call, rooted in your Word, and open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

May I use these gifts, especially the gifts of faith, hope and love to serve the family as a witness to you, who are love and life and the source and destiny of all families.

Let your Spirit enlighten my mind and strengthen my heart so that I can be a path of Christ's love to families, especially those in need, the homebound and aged, the disabled and disheartened.

Through the intercession of Mary and Joseph, I pray to Jesus our Redeemer for the Parish of St. Martin of Tours, whose mission is to work to build the kingdom of God here on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

PARISH CATECHIST

A parish catechist responds to a call by the Holy Spirit, trained and commissioned by the parish community, to directly empower others with the truths and mysteries of the Roman Catholic faith. Adults, adolescents, and children all may find their spiritual formation entrusted to the catechist. The ministry of a catechist occurs within parish and school settings focused on formation in the Catholic faith.



Catechists are . . .

Men, Women, Young adults, Retirees, Faith-filled in love with Christ's message

Catechists nurture. . .

Discipleship, Faith Sharing, Enthusiasm, Justice, Healing, Learning

Catechists lead . . .

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Religious Education at all levels

Special Religious Education

Vacation Bible School

Adult Bible Study

Prayer

A Parish Catechist

Proclaims Christ's Message by:

- creating an environment where information and formation can be integrated
- understanding stages of faith development by planning materials and presentations for the appropriate level
- presenting the content of Scripture and Sacred Tradition of the Catholic Church
- realizing that only God can transform the heart and soul of individuals



OPEN HOUSE PROGRAM
Kellenberg Memorial High School

Saturday, October 5, 2013
Visit between
10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

For further information,
Please call the Admissions Office
516-292-0200 x 210



OPEN HOUSE
Holy Trinity Diocesan High School
98 Cherry Lane
Hicksville NY 11801

This 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.



OPEN HOUSE INVITATION

St. John the Baptist Diocesan High
School
1170 Montauk Highway
West Islip NY 11795

Sunday, October 20, 2013
10:30 to 2PM

The open house gives 7th and 8th grade students and their families the opportunity to tour and to learn even more about St. John's



OPEN HOUSE
Chaminade High School

340 Jackson Avenue
Mineola NY 11501

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

