

Masses For The Week**Monday - September 30**

6:30 Margaret & George Stietz

9:00 Michael DeZervos

Tuesday - October 1

6:30 John, Anne & Edward Helldorfer

9:00 Harold J. Smith, Jr.

Wednesday - October 2

6:30 Francis B. Looney

9:00 Dominick J. Cano

Thursday - October 3

6:30 Edward Naughton

9:00 Walter Looney

Friday - October 4

6:30 Mary Spohrer

9:00 Lucy Horvath

Saturday - October 59:00 **Multiple Intentions Announced at Mass**

5:00 Louise Ruggiero, John & Gertrude O'Rourke

7:00 Julia & Fred Zoitke

Sunday - October 6

7:00 The People of the Parish

8:30 Josephine & John Cremmins

10:00 Florence Leach

11:30 John & Isabel Carlo

1:00 Gerald Meehan

5:30 Mary-Gwen Imbornoni

Readings For The Week

Mon. Zechariah 8:1-8; Luke 9:46-50

Tues. Zechariah 8:20-23; Luke 9:51-56

Wed. Nehemiah 2:1-8; Matthew 18:1-5, 10

Thurs. Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Luke 10:1-12

Fri. Baruch 1:15-22; Luke 10:13-16

Sat. Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29; Luke 10:17-24

Sun. **Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4** *The prophet learned that his hopes would be fulfilled, even though it may take longer than he expected. He is told to wait in confidence, for just people will live.*

2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14 *Paul reminded Timothy that God bestows a spirit that makes the people strong, loving and wise. That Holy Spirit dwells in Christians.*

Luke 17:5-10 *Jesus taught the apostles that faith gives power: a person with faith the size of a mustard seed can uproot a mulberry tree and transplant it in the sea.*

Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift**Weekend Collection for September 21/22**

Amount Budgeted: \$17,500.00

Amount Received: \$16,250.11

Thank you for your generosity & support!***Reflection & Living Stewardship***

The sin of the rich man in today's parable was not that he was rich, but that he failed to share his wealth with the beggar at his gate. He knew Lazarus, walked by him every time he came in or out, but did nothing to relieve his suffering. Is there a Lazarus in my life?

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who work to alleviate the sufferings of the poor and hungry in our community and beyond through our Parish Social Ministries.

Charismatic Prayer Group***Arms Are For Hugging***

When I look at the Risen Jesus above our altar, I can imagine Him saying, "I love you *THIS* much! Come give me a hug!" A good hug is the best medicine.

Our next meeting is Monday, September 30th 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.

St. Martin of Tours HOP Club

Sept. 23	#214	Linda Leek	\$25.00
Sept. 24	#555	Rachel Melito	\$25.00
Sept. 25	#584	Marion C. Hogan	\$25.00
Sept. 26	#402	M/M George J. Matulewich	\$25.00
Sept. 27	#55	Julius Fiorni	\$50.00



Saint Maria
Faustina

Divine Mercy Novena

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

Wedding Banns

3rd Charles Pace & Jaime Passarella

*Banns Only - Marriage in Another
Parish Church*

1st Sean Considine & Meghan McDevitt

2nd 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 cannellini beans, black beans, chick peas, toothpaste & toothbrushes, sugar, oil, mayonnaise, ketchup, hearty soups, pasta sauce, cream corn, peas, mixed vegetables, canned fruit, coffee, tuna fish, canned chicken, chili, beef stew, pancake mix & syrup, cake mix & icing, dish soap, bar soap, paper towels, toilet paper, tissues, diapers (size 6) and baby wipes. 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

Thought for the Week

*Your heavenly Father knows
your needs. He will always give you
all you need from day to day.*

*Luke 12:30-31***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
Herman Lordahl, Heather Catheral, Patricia Marone
Godeliva Pagan, Robert Schraff, Michelle Cirillo
Mary Henson, Mary Lynn Brassil, Catherine Battiat*

Holy Hour

There will be a holy hour before
the Blessed Sacrament
from 3:00 to 4:00PM
on Monday, September 30th.
All are invited to spend this special
hour with our Lord Jesus.

*Week of Sept 29 - Oct 5, 2013**Altar Bread & Wine*

*In Loving Memory of
John Spadale &
The Pompei Family*

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

**Margaret Lane, Anthony J. Darmenio
James M. Mason, Patrick M. Rayll**

Letter from the Pastor



I am sure that you have read recently some quotes from a lengthy interview that Pope Francis gave recently to a Jesuit group of magazines. Having read the entire interview, I found myself very excited and joyful about the vision that the Pope has for the church, moved by his love of God's people, and inspired by his deep spirituality. I believe that the Holy Spirit is moving powerfully through Pope Francis. Like many Catholics and non-Catholics, I continue to be drawn to this Pope. Still I do recognize that there are some Catholics who may wonder if he is somehow weakening important church teachings. New leadership can create both excitement for many and anxiety for some. I think if one reads the entire interview, he or she will find that the Pope is certainly a man of the Church who is most faithful to the teachings of Christ. He may stress certain aspects of our beliefs over others, but he is certainly committed to all of the teachings of our faith. I would recommend that you read the interview in its entirety. I believe you will find his words filled with hope and wisdom. I would invite you to read the interview online. It can be found at: <http://www.americamagazine.org/pope-interview>.

Here are some excerpts from this remarkable interview which are some of my favorite sections. Again, it is always best to read the entire talk to get the full context.

Question: Who Is Jorge Mario Bergoglio? (The given name of the Pope)

The Pope: *"I do not know what might be the most fitting description.... I am a sinner. This is the most accurate definition. It is not a figure of speech, a literary genre. I am a sinner. Yes, but the best summary, the one that comes more from the inside and I feel most true is this: I am a sinner whom the Lord has looked upon. 'I am a sinner, but I trust in the infinite mercy and patience of our Lord Jesus Christ, and I accept in a spirit of penance.'"*

Question: Why did you choose to be a Jesuit?

The Pope: *"And then a thing that is really important for me: community. I was always looking for a community. I did not see myself as a priest on my own. I need a community. And you can tell this by the fact that I am here in Santa Marta. At the time of the conclave I lived in Room 207. (The rooms were assigned by drawing lots.) This room where we are now was a guest room. I chose to live here, in Room 201, because when I took possession of the papal apartment, inside myself I distinctly heard a 'no.' The papal apartment in the Apostolic Palace is not luxurious. It is old, tastefully decorated and large, but not luxurious. But in the end it is like an inverted funnel. It is big and spacious, but the entrance is really tight. People can come only in dribs and drabs, and I cannot live without people. I need to live my life with others."*

Question: What does it mean for you to think with the Church?

The Pope: *We should not even think, therefore, that 'thinking with the church' means only thinking with the hierarchy of the church. "This is how it is with Mary: If you want to know who she is, you ask theologians; if you want to know how to love her, you have to ask the people. In turn, Mary loved Jesus with the heart of the people, as we read in the Magnificat. We should not even think, therefore, that 'thinking with the church' means only thinking with the hierarchy of the church."*

Question: What is your vision of the Church?

The Pope: *The church needs most today is the ability to heal wounds and to warm the hearts of the faithful; it needs nearness, proximity. I see the church as a field hospital after battle. "I see clearly," the pope continues, "that the thing the church needs most today is the ability to heal wounds and to warm the hearts of the faithful; it needs nearness, proximity. It is useless to ask a seriously injured person if he has high cholesterol and about the level of his blood sugars! You have to heal his wounds. Then we can talk about everything else. Heal the wounds, heal the wounds.... And you have to start from the ground up.*

"The church sometimes has locked itself up in small things, in small-minded rules. The most important thing is the first proclamation: Jesus Christ has saved you. And the ministers of the church must be ministers of mercy above all.

Question: I mention the divorced and remarried, same-sex couples and other difficult situations. What kind of pastoral work can we do in these cases?

The Pope: *The confessional is not a torture chamber, but the place in which the Lord's mercy motivates us to do better. I also consider the situation of a woman with a failed marriage in her past and who also had an abortion. Then this woman remarries, and she is now happy and has five children. That abortion in her past weighs heavily on her conscience and she sincerely regrets it. She would like to move forward in her Christian life.*

The Pope: *"We need to proclaim the Gospel on every street corner," the pope says, "preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing, even with our preaching, every kind of disease and wound. In Buenos Aires I used to receive letters from homosexual persons who are 'socially wounded' because they tell me that they feel like the church has always condemned them. But the church does not want to do this. During the return flight from Rio de Janeiro I said that if a homosexual person is of good will and is in search of God, I am no one to judge. By saying this, I said what the catechism says. Religion has the right to express its opinion in the service of the people, but God in creation has set us free: it is not possible to interfere spiritually in the life of a person.*

A person once asked me, in a provocative manner, if I approved of homosexuality. I replied with another question: 'Tell me: when God looks at a gay person, does he endorse the existence of this person with love, or reject and condemn this person?

The Pope: *We cannot insist only on issues related to abortion, gay marriage and the use of contraceptive methods. This is not possible. I have not spoken much about these things, and I was reprimanded for that. But when we speak about these issues, we have to talk about them in a context. The teaching of the church, for that matter, is clear and I am a son of the church, but it is not necessary to talk about these issues all the time. (Editorial comment: lest anyone think the Pope is weakening the teaching of the church on abortion, the Pope recently urged Catholics not to be involved in abortions of any kind.)*

Question: What is your preferred way to pray?

The Pope: *"I pray the breviary every morning. I like to pray with the psalms. Then, later, I celebrate Mass. I pray the Rosary. What I really prefer is adoration in the evening, even when I get distracted and think of other things, or even fall asleep praying. In the evening then, between seven and eight o'clock, I stay in front of the Blessed Sacrament for an hour in adoration. But I pray mentally even when I am waiting at the dentist or at other times of the day."*

"Prayer for me is always a prayer full of memory, of recollection, even the memory of my own history or what the Lord has done in his church or in a particular parish."

Let us pray for our Holy Father Pope Francis as he leads the Church forward. May we all seek to have his heart that loves the poor and seeks to address their needs; may we mirror his deep love of Christ and inviting others to share in the Good News that Jesus has given us; may we imitate him in his commitment to prayer and service to the Church.

Father Pat, CSSR

woodscsr@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.

Knights of Columbus Membership Drive Weekends:

Sunday, October 6th Gathering Space
Sunday, October 20th Gathering Space

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.

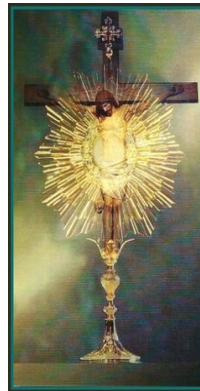
A talk by Father Ciya Thomas, CSsR will be
presented on "Motherhood."

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

The next Adoration service is
Tues, Oct. 8th, 7PM in the Church

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!

**Our Lady of Fatima Day
Sunday, October 13, 2013
Shrine of Our Lady of the Island
Manorville NY (Exit 70 LIE)
(631) 325-0661**

10:00 am—Rosary Walk

11:30 am—Holy Mass

12:30 pm—Lunch Break

1:30 pm—Guest Speaker:

Fr. Schott Daniels O.P.

3:00 pm-Benediction

***Pope Francis will Consecrate the World
to Our Lady of Fatima in Rome on this
day.***

A Poem

I have a place that I call home.
It's where I hang my hat.
I bring to this place my joys and sorrows,
my troubles, hopes and dreams.

In this place I find my sanctuary,
my refuge from the hurting world.
I am refueled with the strength
and courage and receive the guidance
to stay on the right path,
the one that leads to salvation.

You see, I have good teachers
in this place - the very best.
They help me to strive to better my best.
In this place we are all the same,
no richer or poorer, no better or worse.

Here we eat and drink together;
we share a meal and sing our praises
where endless love abounds.

And we are all one family
in this home, the young and the old,
the lame and the strong.

Yes, we are all made worthy
in His sight, our one good God
that dwells within. And it is no wonder,
I proudly call my home St. Martin of Tours.

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.



Dear Book Club Friends,

We think our last meeting was wonderful. It was filled with robust, heartfelt sharing and welcomed familiar and new faces. Our new book is "***And the Mountains Echoed***" by Khaled Hosseini. We will be meeting on **Saturday, October 19th at 10AM at 208 Broadway, 2nd floor.** We look forward to seeing all of you again. As always new members are most welcome. Please contact Ann Mele at ann111647@netscape.net or call 516-330-3039 for any questions.

Till then, happy reading! -
Father Pat Woods and Ann Mele

HALLOWEEN PARTY!!



Last year we had a fun-filled Halloween Party for both children and adults here at the parish. I would like to offer it again if we have volunteers to plan the party. I have not set a date yet since I would like to make sure we do not conflict with events at the local schools. If you are willing to help, email me at woodscsr@aol.com. Remember, last year we had a genuine appearance of **ELVIS CIYA**, a famous rock n roll singer!

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.



Happy Birthday to long-time parishioner, Helen Kurlowicz, a most dedicated member of our parish for nearly 60 years. Lest I get into trouble, I will not reveal this wonderful lady's age but we are celebrating a year with a round number at the end! I must say that Helen looks a lot better than I do and is also in much better shape.

We invite you to the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Saturday, October 5th. There will be coffee and cake after Mass so you are welcome to bring some breakfast delights. I am told that, although Helen is thin, she is a great lover of chocolate donuts!

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.



There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament incorporated in our prayer service.

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**

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!

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.

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, October 22, 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

In-Home Pre-Cana Ministry

As the Fall Session of the St. Martin of Tours In-Home Pre-Cana Program concludes, we ask you to pray for the engaged couples:

**Candace Grosser and Stephen McDade
Jennifer Spitaliere and Michael Arden**

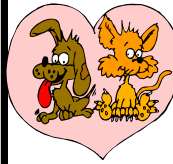
We enjoyed working with these couples and ask God to bless them in a special way.

If there is any married couple interested in working the In-Home Pre-Cana Program, please call us. We need you in order for this program to continue.

Deacon Jim & Carmela Biggin
796-5520

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!



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 & 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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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

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"PAVING THE WAY FOR CHRIST"

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OVER \$500,000 FROM 105 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 Wednesday, September 25th at 4:00P.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.*

Anonymous (1)
 Robert and Ann Albertson
 Patrick and Patricia Astegher
 Jean Axmacher
 Carmine and Carol Ann Bassano
 Carolyn Bernhard
 Deacon Jim and Carmela Biggin
 Gerald and Marguerite Brace
 John and Kathleen Brolly
 Joann Bruno
 Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cagna
 John and Maureen Castles
 Tony and Ronny Ciarniello
 Dominick & Jeanne Ciano
 Philip Ciminello
 Anthony and Catherine Citrolo
 Mary & Joseph Colavolpe
 Linda Connelly
 Mary Lou Connolly
 Michael and Betty Croan
 Patricia Cunningham
 Jean Davenport
 Jerry and Elise Della Rocca
 Carmine & Esther De Stefano
 James and Kathleen Devine
 Janet Dion
 Eugene and Lucia Doupe
 Guy & Mary Drescher
 John and Anne Eastwood
 Loretta Eckhoff
 Thomas and Anne Emmerson
 Margaret Epstein
 Kenneth and Marie Evans
 James Fanning and Barbara Hempstead
 Lillian Fantry
 John and Christine Farrell
 Louis and Maria Fielack
 Thomas and Kathleen Frost

Susanne Gottman
 Marie Gragnaniello
 Michael and Roberta Grieco
 David and Kathleen Gross
 Raymond and Lisa Haller
 Thomas & Rocio Hennessy
 Anthony Hernandez
 George and Eleanor Hoban
 Ann Hughes
 Mrs. Mildred Kestler
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 Roy & Ellen Keuling
 Edward and Sarah Indelicato
 John and Noreen Joyce
 Ray and Joan Landers
 Frank & Maria Lanzarone
 John and Veronica Lawlor
 Robert and Linda Lomot
 Lewis and Marilyn Loeven
 John and Mary Lundy
 John and Connie Lynam
 Andrew and Christine Macchio
 Grace Mack
 Rosalie Malerba
 Sean and Jane Marsar
 Luke and Annamma Matthews
 Francis and Kate Mayerhofer
 John and Mary McCaffery
 John and Geraldine McCarthy
 John and Carol McGlynn
 John and Karen McTigue
 Edward and Denise McNamara
 Martin and Jacqueline Meaney
 Francis and Kathleen Meehan
 Teresa Minett
 Genevieve Mitchell
 James Moran
 Timothy and Noreen Murphy

Andrew and Ellen Murray
 Ryan and Colleen O'Hara
 John and Margaret O'Mara
 O'Shea Funeral Home
 Joseph and Barbara Pace
 Edward and Hedwig Pecinka
 Reno and Mary Pelus
 Joseph and Kris Perota
 David and Ginamarie Pilnacek
 Frank and Santa Portuese
 The Preziosi Family
 Laurel Rasmussen
 The Redemptorists Fathers of New York
 Donna Reardon
 Joseph Ricotta
 Lori and Patricia Ricci
 Michael and Marie Romeo
 Mildred Saloy
 Marie Schnieder
 Anthony and Evelyne Sciulli
 Edward and Linda Segretto
 Frank and Linda Sehn
 Kenneth and Patricia Selvester
 Dolores Sgaraglio
 Diane Sheehan
 Harry and Louise Smith
 Raymond and Peggy Sobier
 Anthony Stachelek
 Michael and Bernadette Steinmann
 Albert and Frances Trotter
 Catherine Vassello
 Vincent and Lucille Ventura
 Jerome and Diana Viviano
 Raymond and Marilyn Walther
 Janet Wolfe
 Nancy Zappala

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

LIFE MATTERS: DOCTOR ASSISTED DEATH BY SUICIDE

A central facet of traditional medical ethics has been embodied in the phrase "FIRST, DO NO HARM." Specifically, the original HIPPOCRATIC OATH recited by physicians for millennia; ensured that they WOULD GIVE NO DEADLY DRUG, even if ASKED. Sadly, few medical school graduates are still being asked to recite this oath. Instead, the door has been thrown open for some doctors to PARTICIPATE IN, and even PROMOTE, giving deadly drugs with the direct intent to END human life. For such doctors, the time-honored principle of avoiding harm has been cast aside as they become willing accomplices for killing their patients.

The truth is that we are not isolated, self-sufficient individuals. Every human being is part of a huge network of interdependent relationships with others. How physicians respond to the patient's request for lethal drugs can have a profound effect on a patient's choices as well as on his view of himself and his inherent worth. When a patient says, "I want to die," it may simply mean, "I feel worthless."

Today promoters of assisted suicide have succeeded in spreading ASSISTED SUICIDE to WASHINGTON STATE and they continue to push for legislation in numerous other states. Using seductive euphemisms for situational killing, including DEATH WITH DIGNITY, CHOICE IN DYING, and AID-IN-DYING, they deliberately distort end-of-life care and options while fanning flames of FEAR and INTRACTABLE SUFFERING AT DEATH. They claim to advocate for patients and cite numerous so-called SAFEGUARDS.

In reality the assisted suicide laws in **OREGON and WASHINGTON** are severely flawed and really don't provide protections for patients. **For example, the law does not require that the patient have unbearable pain or any suffering, for that matter. The state's Medicaid health plan will no longer pay for many important services and drugs, including some pain medications. At the same time, assisted suicide is fully covered and sanctioned by the state of Oregon. (funded by collective tax dollars).**

To concur with the intention of another person to commit suicide and to help in carrying through SO-CALLED ASSISTED SUICIDE means to COOPERATE IN, and at times to be the ACTUAL PERPETRATOR OF, an injustice. This can never be excused, even if it is requested. Moreover, the act of EUTHANASIA appears all the more perverse if it is carried out by those, like relatives, who are supposed to treat a family member with patience and love, or by those such as doctors, who by virtue of their specific profession are supposed to care for the sick person even in the most painful terminal stages.

Excerpts from Pope John Paul II:

Catholic teaching recognizes the inherent value of ALL HUMAN LIFE. We are indeed made in the IMAGE AND LIKENESS OF GOD. As Catholics we celebrate and defend the sanctity of life in all of its natural stages. Each of us....regardless of AGE, RACE, PHYSICAL OR MENTAL ABILITY, OR ECONOMIC STATUSis inherently VALUABLE. There is no stage of life that is insignificant.

WHEN EVERY LIFE IS RESPECTED, WHEN PHYSICIANS, FAMILY MEMBERS AND OTHER CAREGIVERS RESPOND GENEROUSLY TO THE NEEDS OF VULNERABLE PERSONS IN THEIR CARE.....WE ALL BENEFIT! *Source: Secretariat of Pro-life Activities USCCB*

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sept 30: Holy Hour 3PM Church
- Oct 1: Christian Mothers:
New Members Investiture 7:30PM
- Oct 6: Blessing of the Animals 2:15PM
- Oct 6: Knights Membership Drive (Gathering)
- Oct 12: Our Lady of Fatima Noon Prayer Service
- Oct 12/13: Baby Bottle Campaign
- Oct 20: Knights Membership Drive (Gathering)
- Oct 20: Closing Pre-Cana Mass 11:30AM
- Oct 21, 28, Nov 4 & 11: Lectures by Fr. Jim

**OPEN HOUSE FOR THE
FOLLOWING SCHOOLS**

Kellenberg Memorial High School
1400 Glenn Curtiss Blvd.
Uniondale NY 11553
Saturday, October 5, 2013
Visit between 10:00AM - 1:00PM
(516) 292-0877

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Chaminade High School
340 Jackson Avenue
Mineola NY 11501
Saturday, October 5, 2013
2:00 - 4:00 PM
516-292-0200 x 210

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St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School
1170 Montauk Highway
West Islip NY 11795
Sunday, October 20, 2013
10:30 to 2PM

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Archbishop Molloy High School
October 20, 2013
11:00 to 4:00PM
83-53 Manton Street
Briarwood NY 11435-1697
Tel: 718.441.2100; Fax: 718.441.9710

**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 woodscssr@aol.com or (516) 931-0818.

Father Pat, CSSR

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.

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:



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)

Some Reports and Necessary Repairs

Once again, we are having serious concerns about our tabernacle. As I wrote previously, the tabernacle is quite old, one that is very hard and expensive to repair when the locking mechanism breaks down, something which is happening more and more frequently. As you know, in the not too recent past, we had the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle when it became unable to be opened. The tabernacle, along with the Sacred Eucharist, had to be sent out to Kansas City for repair. I love the parish tabernacle and I am most reluctant to give up on it. However, as pastor, I have a most serious responsibility to care for the Eucharist in a way that is both reverent and safe.

I am optimistic that we have found a potential solution. John Reilly, who has a solid reputation with our parish in terms of our past dealings with him, as well as with other parishes, can put a new door on the tabernacle. The ornate door that is presently on the tabernacle will remain but it will no longer be used. A simple brass door will become the main door that can be opened and shut with a lock. While the front door of our tabernacle may no longer be as beautiful as it once was, I think the tabernacle will continue to look very good. This project will cost around \$1,000.00 which will come from our operating budget. I hope this work will be done by Christmas. I thank all of you for your ongoing patience.

The rectory needs a new roof. At first we thought that the roof could be done with patching and area repairs, but we now are convinced the best stewardship is to replace it. We will use the same company that did the church roof since we were pleased with their work. This project will cost \$16,000.00 which I hope we can gather from our operating expenses. If not, we may have to use some of our savings. I am not sure exactly when this project will begin but I hope it will be done in the coming weeks since we are getting water damage in the rectory.

- Father Pat



I deliberately chose a picture of three men gossiping since I believe that men gossip at least as much as women are accused of doing. Spreading gossip, while never a good thing to do, is hard to resist. However, it can

often cause hurt and damage to people's reputations and cause division within a family, a business, or in our case, a parish. I am not addressing gossip here, but a completely fabricated falsehood. I found preaching at all the Masses last weekend about our capital campaign a good experience since many people thanked me for the talks and for seeking to be honest with them.

The next day I was told that there is at least one person telling other people that I intend to take down the *Living Tree* in the Gathering Space that memorializes the donors contributions from the campaign to renovate the Church. I was both stunned and hurt to hear that someone was saying something that was absolutely false and potentially dangerous to what I consider a very positive relationship that I share with most parishioners. No such idea has ever been considered, discussed or as far as I know, even thought about at any meeting in which I have been present. I have the deepest respect for memorials, especially those that honor the parents and grandparents of our parishioners. I ask whoever is saying this to please stop since you are not correct.

I am beginning to consider what would be an appropriate new memorial to recognize what we are doing in our present campaign of *Paving the Way for Christ*. I like the idea of tiles that donors could use to name themselves, their family, or a deceased loved one. Some parishioners have mentioned bricks to me; I have a brick for my Dad at Citifield and I find the idea attractive but they can be a bit more costly than tiles, and quite frankly, I am not sure where we would put them. I do not know where we will put a memorial, but my initial preference is that it be either in one of the gathering spaces, or outside of the Church. For me, this is a sign that we are part of the living stones of our Church. I will be doing further consultation with parishioners and welcome any ideas you may have.

If any one has any questions or concerns about the Capital Campaign, or any other matter of our parish life, please either email, call me, or come see me. Very often when people call me, they say *Father I don't want to bother you, I know you are busy*. I am busy but, I would be convinced, not as busy as most of you are, and I see being with people one on one as one of my most important ministries.

- Father Pat (931-0818 or email: woodscsr@aol.com)