

Masses For The Week**Monday - November 25**

6:30 Frances Scaturro
9:00 Lawrence & Rose Territo

Tuesday - November 26

6:30 Karen Dinovi
9:00 Mary Schmidt, Anniversary

Wednesday - November 27

6:30 Eleanor McDonald
9:00 Peter Grudzinski

Thursday - November 28 - Thanksgiving

6:30 NO 6:30 MASS
9:00 The People of the Parish

Friday - November 29

6:30 NO 6:30 MASS
9:00 Kristine Benasutti

Saturday - November 30

9:00 **Multiple Intentions Announced at Mass**
5:00 Kenneth W. Meyer, Anniversary
7:00 William Csajko

Sunday - December 1

7:00 The People of the Parish
8:30 Giovanni Giannuzzi, Anniversary
10:00 Isabel Reynolds
11:30 Andrew Bartolozzi
1:00 Maria & Francesco Angiuli
5:30 Daniel J. Lannon

Readings For The Week

Mon. Daniel 1:1-6, 8-20; Luke 21:1-4
Tues. Daniel 2:31-45; Luke 21:5-11
Wed. Daniel 5:1-6, 13-14; Luke 21:12-19
Thurs. Daniel 6:12-28; Luke 21:20-28
Fri. Daniel 7:2-14; Luke 21:29-33
Sat. Romans 10:9-18; Matthew 4:18-22
Sun. *Isaiah 2:1-5* Isaiah tells us all people are drawn to God and his life of peace, not just the chosen Israelites.

Romans 13:11-14 Paul, in his Letter to the Romans, says salvation is close to us and we reach it by putting on Christ.

Matthew 24:37-44 Christ says that we do not know the day or time of the Judgment Day, so we should always be prepared for its coming.

***Divine Mercy Novena***

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

Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift**Weekend Collection for November 16/17**

Amount Budgeted: \$17,500.00

Amount Received: \$15,978.81

Thank you for your generosity & support!

Reflection & Living Stewardship

Stewardship
A Way of Life

Today we celebrate Christ the King and are reminded that all was created through Him and for Him. Does my stewardship of the blessings entrusted to me give evidence that Christ is Lord of my life?

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who strive to responsibly connect their faith in day to day activities, such as participating in community or school organizations.

Charismatic Prayer Group**Meals**

This week we will sit with family and friends and enjoy a traditional meal. There may be little differences from family to family or region to region, but most people make and serve the same tried and true favorites every year. And while it may be the biggest meal of the year, it's not the most important. That would be the meal served on the altar. What better way to start your Thanksgiving than to come and say thank you to God!

Our next meeting is Monday, Nov. 25th at 7:30 p.m. in 208 Broadway. All ages 18 and over are welcome. Call (516) 993-9672 for any prayer requests or more information.

St. Martin of Tours HOP Club

Nov. 18 #408	Loretta Haack-DeCaro	\$25.00
Nov. 19 #627	Suzanne & Steve DiVito	\$25.00
Nov. 20 #429	Brian & Maryann McGrath	\$25.00
Nov. 21 #140	Veronica White	\$25.00
Nov. 22 #263	Ann Hughes	\$50.00

Wedding Banns

3rd Scott Martino & Jeanna Novelli



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

Thank you all for your tremendous support of the Food Pantry this Thanksgiving!

This week the Pantry is low on black beans, peanut butter, jams or jellies, pancake mix & syrup, oatmeal, Rice-A-Roni, pasta sauce, tomato paste, tuna fish & canned chicken, chili, canned potatoes, sugar, mayonnaise, mustard, canned fruits, juice & juice boxes, brownie & cake mixes, coffee, Jello & puddings, diapers (sizes 4,5 & 6), baby wipes, tissues, dish soap, laundry soap and conditioner.

Food Pantry:

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

Father Francis X. Lawlor, an Augustinian priest, died on November 5th, 2013. He would have been 96 years old on November 21st.

Father Lawlor used to say the 9:00 a.m. Mass here at St. Martin's for many years when he was home on vacation. He was the uncle of Marge Siegler. Please remember Father Francis in your prayers. May God grant him eternal rest.

The Long Island Catholic Magazine

You will find some samples of the Long Island Catholic Magazine in the Gathering Area this weekend. The collection will be the weekend of November 30/December 1. This would be a good opportunity to order your subscription.

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, Leigh Murphy, Helena Mulligan
Richard Piernini, John Tortorice, Joseph Simon
Douglas Torres, Gina Cava, James Robertson
Amy Hayes, Mom & Dad, Bill Kelly, Matthew Messina
Sharon Shiepk, Christopher Gratton, John Mitchell
Salvatore Accardi, Peggy Namiotka Pat Cannata
Barbara Thompson, Donald Castor
Dorothy Quinn, Edith Lagan, Henry Niemczyk
Bud Pehrsson, Zachery Duff, Sam Zubov
Christine Chiarappa, Herman Lordahl
Heather Catheral, Patricia Marrone, Godeliva Pagan
Michelle Cirillo, Mary Henson, Mary Lynn Brassil
Catherine Battiat, Brendan Rodriguez, Charles Drew
Rebecca Passaro, Joanne Maguire, John Lundy
Dot Widyn, Annette Giuliano
Madeline Ciaravino, Nicole Cagna*

Thought for the Week

Thanksgiving is a time of quiet reflection...an annual reminder that God has, again, been ever so faithful. The solid and simple things of life are brought into clear focus.

- Charles Swindoll



*Week of November 24 - 30, 2013
Altar Bread & Wine*

*In Loving Memory of
Kristine Benasutti*

Rest in Peace

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

**Frances Sutton, Edgar E. Schmidt
Elizabeth Murphy, Kathleen Happ**

Letter from the Pastor

Although I love Christmas, Easter, and the Fourth of July, Thanksgiving Day is my favorite holiday of the year. I suppose St. Patrick's Day would be second in line. The commercial world is already promoting Christmas as the universal day of shopping with Black Friday the day after Thanksgiving, becoming the holy grail of Christmas shopping. Consumerism has not tried to take over this Thursday in late November. It is a day when we want to be with our families and to share a meal. It is a day when we often donate food to a pantry or serve a meal in a soup kitchen. We are so conscious that God has been good to us, that we want to share with others who may be less fortunate. It is a day to simply thank God for all that we have: our lives, our faith, our families and friends, our nation.



Families that never say grace will almost always say a prayer of gratitude before sitting down to their meal. If we have a relative or friend who lives alone, is away from home, or has no immediate family, we invite them to our table. We may watch football. However, this is getting a little more difficult in my family since the little ones want to watch the Disney Channel. Some decide to drag our weary bones out to play in the annual family turkey bowl. If you choose to do so, make sure you have not lost your health insurance. In my family, the women cook the meal and the men are expected to clear up afterwards. I do my best to try to avoid both tasks. Someone will suggest that we get out the old family videos or let's have a game of charades. Some families will pick names for Secret Santa and ask what you want for Christmas. I think one of my highlights is after all the turkey and stuffing have been eaten, all the plates washed, all the plans for the Christmas season discussed, to retire to my easy chair for a snooze. God is good.

Perhaps as a parish family we might do well to compare what we do here daily and on weekends in celebrating the Eucharist, to what we do on Thanksgiving Day. The theologian John Shea once said: Catholics do three things at their Eucharist: they gather together, they tell stories, and they break bread. I think that is a pretty good definition of the Mass.

Every Sunday and for some of you - daily - we come together here at St. Martin's. All are welcome, even people wearing Yankee jackets. Although starting with the priests, there are lots of gray heads and some even without hair, we do have babies in their car seats or carriages, tenderly being watched over with a bottle or a toy in hope they do not drown out the homily - although sometimes the baby is more interesting than the priest. There are lots of holy people in the church and lots of sinners. We have singles, married, widows, divorced, teens and young children. Some are doing pretty well financially and others are living paycheck to paycheck or on a scanty Social Security check. We have those who are undergoing chemo and radiation. We have the healthy and the strong.

We have those carrying deep sorrow in their hearts and some miss their spouse or Mom who sat next to them in church for many years. Others are newly married or freshly minted parents who have joyful spirits. No doubt almost every one of us will eat turkey on Thursday, but some others will have Polish sausage, Italian pasta, German cake or Irish Jamison. We are a people of every nationality. Yet we gather together around this table of the altar, and around this pulpit, and in this our second home, our parish church. All are welcome.

We tell stories here just as we do around our Thanksgiving table. We tell stories of Abraham, leaving all that he knew, to go to a strange land as he sought to follow God. We recall Moses and the burning bush, the Ten Commandments, the breaking free of bondage from Egypt, or manna and water from the rock. What great stories of God and his people. We speak of Bethlehem, Joseph and Mary and the newborn baby Jesus.

We speak of Good Samaritans, of Lost Sheep, of Prodigal Sons, of lilies in the field, of loaves and fishes multiplied to feed a hungry crowd, of a little man up a tree, of a woman at a well, of Peter, James and John. We tell the story of the night before he died when he took bread and said this is my body, and he took the chalice and said this is my blood. Do this in memory of me.

These are the sacred stories of our faith and we tell them with reverence just as we tell the stories of Mom and Dad, and Aunt Sally, and Queenie our dog, and the time the gravy got burnt and how much we miss the ones who are not sitting at the table. We tell stories and break bread as we hear the Word of God proclaimed.

Finally at the Eucharist we break bread and do what Jesus told us to do in memory of Him. Before we receive the Body and Blood of Jesus, we are invited to welcome one another as brothers and sisters at the sign of peace. The Body of Christ is on the altar in the consecrated wine and sacred host; the body of Christ is in the Word of God. The Body of Christ is the assembled group, those of us in church, in all our humanity. When we say Amen to the Eucharist, we say Amen to each other, I believe. When we leave our Thanksgiving dinner, we may be a few pounds heavier, but we leave refreshed by the meal, by the gathering, by the stories. We look forward to gathering again as family. When we leave the breaking of the bread at Mass, we go out to see Christ at our Thanksgiving Table, in those lining up for dinner at the soup kitchen, in the sick and dying, in the broken and troubled. We break the Body of Christ to share it as a sign we are all broken and wounded and in need of the healing power of Jesus.

On Thanksgiving Day, you will gather together, tell stories and break bread. At this Eucharist, we gather together, share the story of God and us his people, and break and receive his Body and Blood.

Father Pat, CSSR

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POLICY & PROCEDURE REGARDING THE SAFETY OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STUDENTS

SCHOOL PARKING LOT

FOR THE PROTECTION & SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN

Please note that while school is in session, the Religious Education Department **will lock both gates leading to the school parking lot** on the following days and times:

Monday and Tuesday

3:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Saturday: 8:00 - 11:00 a.m.



Please park outside the gates during these days and times since this area becomes a SAFE ZONE FOR PEDESTRIANS ONLY. Please DO NOT pull open the gates. The safety of all is imperative.

Park ONLY in the church parking lot or municipal lot during the days and hours stated above. Thank you.

Advent Program at St. Martin of Tours



Last year we had three Wednesday nights during Advent when we paused as a parish community as we sought to enter more deeply into the Advent Season. It is so easy for any one of us to get caught up in the rush of the Christmas Season and wake up on December 26th and wonder where the time went. I believe those who attended the Advent program last year were very pleased with it.

This year we will conduct these hour-long programs beginning at 7:30PM on the following Wednesdays:

- ♦ **December 4**
- ♦ **December 11**
- ♦ **December 17**

It would be great if we could have some volunteers to read, carry a symbol, hand out materials and so forth. If you can volunteer for one specific night or all three, please let me know. You can email me at woodscsr@aol.com or phone 931-0818. The more the merrier!

St. Martin's Life Teen program is for all high school aged teens (9th-12th grade). Life Teen gathers every Sunday for the 5:30pm Youth Mass and every Sunday night from 7-8:30pm in the Youth Center (room 107 of the school) for our Life Nights. Each week we gather to grow in faith and friendship with Christ & each other. Check out our parish website for a calendar of events at www.smtbethepage.org or contact Erin at EKHoran@yahoo.com.

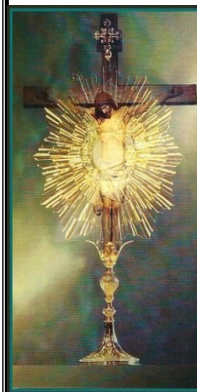
The Edge program is for all middle school aged students (6th-8th grade). Edge meets every other Thursday evening from 7-8:30pm. This program is a wonderful way for young adolescents to grow in their faith as well as build lasting friendships.

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!**

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**The next Adoration service is
Tuesday, December 10th
7:00PM 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!

Thanksgiving Day is usually associated with Pilgrims and Native Americans as a thanksgiving for the harvest. The first settlers were so grateful to have survived the difficult days of crossing the Atlantic and beginning life in a world that was totally foreign to them in a wild, uncivilized land. Certainly the roots of our American Thanksgiving can trace itself back to the first colonists in Plymouth. Still I am amazed that at the height of the greatest American tragedy, our Civil War, President Lincoln proclaimed what has become our national holiday of Thanksgiving for 150 years. I find Lincoln's writings to be profoundly spiritual.

Washington, D.C. October 3, 1863

This is the proclamation, which set the precedent for America's national day of Thanksgiving. During his administration, President Lincoln issued many orders similar to this. For example, on November 28, 1861, he ordered government departments closed for a local day of thanksgiving. Sarah Joseph Hale, a 74-year-old magazine editor, wrote a letter to Lincoln on September 28, 1863, urging him to have the "day of our annual Thanksgiving made a National and fixed Union Festival." She explained, "You may have observed that, for some years past, there has been an increasing interest felt in our land to have the Thanksgiving held on the same day, in all the States; it now needs National recognition and authoritative fixation, only, to become permanently, an American custom and institution."

Prior to this, each state scheduled its own Thanksgiving holiday at different times, mainly in New England and other northern states. President Lincoln responded to Mrs. Hale's request immediately, unlike several of his predecessors, who ignored her petitions altogether. In her letter to Lincoln she mentioned that she had been advocating a national thanksgiving date for 15 years as the editor of Godey's *Lady's Book*. George Washington was the first president to proclaim a day of thanksgiving, issuing his request on October 3, 1789, exactly 74 years before Lincoln's.

The document below sets apart the last Thursday of November "as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise." According to an April 1, 1864, letter from John Nicolay, one of President Lincoln's secretaries, this document was written by Secretary of State William Seward, and the original was in his handwriting. On October 3, 1863, fellow Cabinet member Gideon Welles recorded in his diary how he complimented Seward on his work. A year later the manuscript was sold to benefit Union troops.

By the President of the United States of America: A Proclamation.

The year that is drawing towards its close, has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added, which are of so extraordinary a nature, that they cannot fail to penetrate and soften even the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever watchful providence of Almighty God. In the midst of a civil war of unequalled magnitude and severity, which has sometimes seemed to foreign States to invite and to provoke their aggression, peace has been preserved with all nations, order has been maintained, the laws have been respected and obeyed, and harmony has prevailed everywhere except in the theatre of military conflict; while that theatre has been greatly contracted by the advancing armies and navies of the Union. Needful diversions of wealth and of strength from the fields of peaceful industry to the national defense, have not arrested the plough, the shuttle or the ship; the axe has enlarged the borders of our settlements, and the mines, as well of iron and coal as of the precious metals, have yielded even more abundantly than heretofore. Population has steadily increased, notwithstanding the waste that has been made in the camp, the siege and the battle-field; and the country, rejoicing in the consciousness of augmented strength and vigor, is permitted to expect continuance of years with large increase of freedom. No human counsel hath devised nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy. It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American People.

I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens. And I recommend to them that while offering up the ascriptions justly due to Him for such singular deliverances and blessings, they do also, with humble penitence for our national perverseness and disobedience, commend to His tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged, and fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty Hand to heal the wounds of the nation and to restore it as soon as may be consistent with the Divine purposes to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquility and Union.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington, this Third day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and of the Independence of the United States the Eighty-eighth.

By the President: Abraham Lincoln William H. Seward, Secretary of State

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov. 25: Eucharistic Adoration 6:30PM-8:00PM
- Nov. 30/Dec. 1: Troop 604 Wreath Sale
- Nov. 30/Dec. 1: Giving Tree
- Dec. 2: Holy Face Devotion 1:00PM
- Dec. 3: CMRC General Meeting 7:30PM
- Dec. 4, 11 & 17: Advent Services 7:30PM
- Dec. 6: ALTAR SERVERS MEETING 4PM
- Dec. 7/8: Eyeglasses Collection
- Dec. 7/8: Music Ministry DVD Sale
- Dec. 13/14: Youth Ministry Christmas Tree Sale
- Legion of Mary: Every Tuesday at 10AM, 208 Broadway

Life Teen's Christmas Tree Sale *This Friday & Saturday!*



We will be selling Christmas trees again this year at St. Martin's parking lot. Come and pick out a beautiful tree either on **Friday, December 13th from 4:00—7:00 PM** or on **Saturday, December 14th from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM**. All trees are **\$35.00**.

The proceeds will benefit the Youth Ministry of St. Martin's.

Christmas Wreath Sale

Troop 604 will be selling wreaths next weekend of November 30th & December 1st. All wreaths are \$20.00.



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.



FOR HELP **IN A CRISIS PREGNANCY**

Call Diana Hart Mirando
(C)830-5077 (H) 605-1979

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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.

Altar Servers Meeting

There will be an Altar Servers meeting on **Friday, December 6th from 4 - 5PM in the Church**. Training will be conducted for those new servers who signed up through religious education. If there are boys and girls interested in being an Altar Server please attend this meeting.

Any current server may also attend to review or ask questions. Hot chocolate will be served!

Father Jim McCabe, CSSR
jmccabe79@yahoo.com
Genny at gamit1946@hotmail.com

THE GIVING TREE



**The Giving Tree will be ready
for all weekend masses
on November 30 & December 1.**

**On the tree, you will find
Gift Card requests.**

**Please take one and return the Tag and
the Gift Card and place it in the mail slot
of the Rectory Office Door no later than
MONDAY, DECEMBER 9TH.**

**Thank you in advance for all you
do. God bless you all and have a
happy, holy Christmas!**

Fight for Freedom



**We want you! Come join Mary's Army!
The Legion of Mary
Tuesday Mornings @ 10:00
208 Broadway**

Lessons and Carols DVD

The weekend of December 7th and 8th, the St. Martin of Tours Music Ministry will be selling DVDs from last year's Advent Lessons and Carols.

Music Ministry members will be at the doors of the church asking for a \$10 donation. Each individual choir, including our Children's Choir, shined as they sang a chosen piece of music reflecting the Advent Season.

All proceeds would go to support our Music Ministry.

THANKSGIVING SCHEDULE

**Thanksgiving Day is
November 28th this year.**

There is no 6:30 AM Mass.

**Thanksgiving Mass will be celebrated
At 9:00 AM. Please come and
give thanks to God for all the blessings
he has given us.**

**The Rectory Office will be closed the day
after and will open at 9AM on
Saturday, November 30th.**



FOR APPRECIATION OF EACH OTHER

We thank you, Father, for the gift of Jesus your Son who came to our earth and lived in a simple home. We have a greater appreciation of the value and dignity of the human family because he loved and was loved within its shelter. Bless us this day; may we grow in love for each other in our family and so give thanks to you who are the maker of all human families and our abiding peace.

IN GRATITUDE

Thank you, Father, for having created us and given us to each other in the human family. Thank you for being with us in all our joys and sorrows, for your comfort in our sadness, your companionship in our loneliness. Thank you for yesterday, today, tomorrow and for the whole of our lives. Thank you for friends, for health and for grace. May we live this and every day conscious of all that has been given to us.

THANKSGIVING TABLE PRAYER

O Gracious God, we give you thanks for your overflowing generosity to us. Thank you for the blessings of the food we eat and especially for this feast today. Thank you for our home and family and friends, especially for the presence of those gathered here. Thank you for our health, our work and our play. Please send help to those who are hungry, alone, sick and suffering war and violence. Open our hearts to your love. We ask your blessing through Christ your son. Amen.

PRAYER AT HARVEST AND THANKSGIVING

O God, source and giver of all things,
You manifest your infinite majesty, power and goodness
In the earth about us:
We give you honor and glory.
For the sun and the rain,
For the manifold fruits of our fields:
For the increase of our herds and flocks,
We thank you.
For the enrichment of our souls with divine grace,
We are grateful.

Supreme Lord of the harvest,
Graciously accept us and the fruits of our toil,
In union with Jesus, your Son,
As atonement for our sins,
For the growth of your Church,
For peace and love in our homes,
And for salvation for all.
We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.



ADVENT FAITH SHARING

(Next weekend's bulletin will have the complete readings and reflection questions for the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays of Advent)



During Advent just as we did last Lent, we will be meeting on Saturday mornings at 9:45 a.m. to reflect on the upcoming Advent Gospels. These meetings will be about 45 minutes. This simple program is a wonderful way to enter into the Advent Season. You can attend one or all sessions. All are welcome.

November 30 - St. Alphonsus Hall

December 7 – St. Alphonsus Hall

December 14 - St. Alphonsus Hall

December 21 - Faculty Lounge in the School Building

First Sunday of Advent December 1, 2013

Matthew 24: 37-44

Jesus said to his disciples:

“As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. In those days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day that Noah entered the ark. They did not know until the flood came and carried them all away. So will it be also at the coming of the Son of Man.

Two men will be out in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left.

Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken, and one will be left.

Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.

Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and not let his house be broken into. So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.”

Reflection Questions

Can you recall a sudden death of someone in your life that really left you shaken?

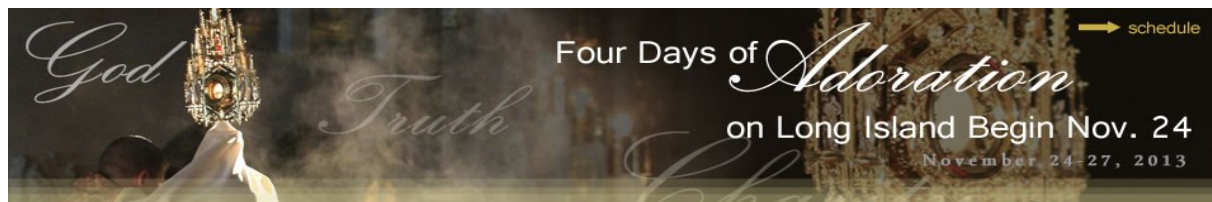
What does it mean to you to be prepared for the coming of the Son of Man?

PLEASE PRAY CONSTANTLY FOR THOSE SERVING IN OUR MILITARY

Please call the rectory at 931-0818 or email woodscsr@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
 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
 PO1 John Paul Pedalino II, US Navy
 CPT Thomas P. Shea, USAF, Afghanistan
 CPL Michael John Kelly, USMC
 1LT Brian McGrath, US Army



As the Year of Faith in the Universal Church comes to an end, the Diocese of Rockville Centre is having four days of Eucharistic Adoration in all of its parishes. **St. Martin of Tours Parish will have our Eucharistic Adoration on Monday, November 25th, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** The Blessed Sacrament will be placed in exposition on the altar. Parishioners are invited to come and spend some quiet reflective with Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.

Come and visit with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. This exposition will take place at the conclusion of the conferral of Confirmation on our confirmation candidates. Anyone can visit at any time, but we will post 20 minute time slots so that there is someone in adoration before Christ during this special time.

Spiritual Reading Book Club I have really enjoyed being part of the parish book club. As much as I have enjoyed reading the books that have been chosen, I have loved the depth of the discussions that we have had as we discussed the books. We choose books that open to the door to excellent personal reflections. In addition to this book club, I would like to start a spiritual reading book club. My thinking is that we would read four books a year: a) one for Advent b) one for Lent c) one during the Easter Season d) one for the summer. I have many books in mind, such as: religious classics, lives of the saints, contemporary theology and spirituality, and issues of faith.

The challenge I see to the book club is that there are times when the members may have to buy the books. I say that because some of the books are not that easily found in the library. I do hope that the books we choose will be available on Amazon. Very often used books can be bought for rather low prices. I will try to choose books that are no more than \$10.00 on Amazon. I do not have stock in the company but I do find their second hand books are a terrific way of reading in an inexpensive way. We will have four meetings a year at the most convenient times for those who are interested. If this is something you'd like to participate in, I would ask you to contact me (woodscsr@aol.com). That way we can get the books and begin our club.

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

GIVING THANKS

The definition of Thanksgiving in the Oxford Dictionary: THE EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE, ESPECIALLY TO GOD: He offered prayers in thanksgiving for his safe arrival. He described the service as Thanksgiving. THANKSGIVING or THANKSGIVING DAY (In North America) an annual national holiday marked by Religious Observances and a traditional meal including turkey. The holiday commemorates a harvest festival celebrated by the Pilgrims in 1621, and is held in the U.S. on the fourth Thursday in November.

Many of us think of Thanksgiving Day as a time for family, for sharing great treats, and traditionally, a turkey dinner with stuffing, gravy and all the fixings. Being Irish and German, our Thanksgiving was usually a three or four course meal. When I married into an Italian family, I learned that the Thanksgiving meal was 6 or 7 courses, and when that was finished, it started all over again with turkey sandwiches. Just the smell of that turkey roasting in the oven for most of the morning was a thrill in itself as well as having relatives arrive from near or far. We loved watching the Thanksgiving Day Parade and waiting for the first sight of Santa in his sleigh. With all the noise at the table, there was that moment of silence when we bowed our heads and gave thanks for what we were about to eat and thanking our dear Lord for the gift of this special day. After we were stuffed, we began our move to the parlor, where we sat and listened to our family members talking about long ago and Thanksgiving in their world.

Today for many it's pretty much the same. But for others, who may have both mother and father working during the week, putting a Thanksgiving dinner together is a difficult task. Life is more hurried - we text, Skype, email or call family members in some cases. And with the stores opening earlier and earlier on Thanksgiving evening, many will leave to catch a sale before "Black Friday." Black Friday doesn't seem to go with the day after giving thanks for our lives and our life here in America.

So, let's slow down and think about the reason we should give "Thanks."

For living in a free country, where we can say, do, and be whoever we choose to be.

For our freedom to worship as we want, and will fight governmental bills that threaten to take that right away.

For our military who are protecting us far away from home. For their families their children and those they love and love them.

For our Church, our priests and our clergy.

For our very lives.



And let us bow our heads and pray for those alone, the poor, the homeless, the sick and the dying. Let's reach out to a relative, a friend or stranger and lift up our very lives to our Lord above who watches over us. How lucky are we to know the goodness of God who has given us these precious gifts, and may we never take them for granted.

**THE RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE WISHES EACH AND EVERY ONE
A BLESSED, WARM AND SAFE THANKSGIVING DAY.**

Bethpage High School Used Eyeglasses Collection

16 year old students at Bethpage High School have partnered with EYEsee for a service project. All donations of prescription and reading glasses that you do not want will be given to the underprivileged people in some of the poorest countries in the world.



We will have a box in the gathering area of the church ready for collection next weekend December 7/8. Please feel free to go to www.eyeseemission.org and check out what has been done for many who are less fortunate. Thank you!



St. Martin of Tours Golden Harvest Raffle Winners

November 16, 2013

Congratulations to all!



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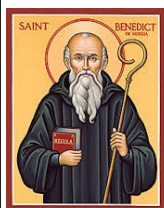
Benedictine Day of Recollection

First Sunday of Advent
December 1, 2013

Immaculate Conception Seminary, Huntington NY
Retreat Master:
Father Timothy Sweeney, OSB

Topic: AN ADULT ADVENT/CHRISTMAS

- Schedule 9AM sign in
- Continental breakfast
 - Opportunity for confession
 - Divine Office
 - First Conference
 - Holy Mass
 - Hot Lunch
 - Free Time
 - Second Conference
 - 3PM Benediction and vespers



The Benedictine Oblates invite you
to begin the Advent Season with us
on this very special day of prayer. All Are Welcome!

Please call Paul and Irene Muhs for information and
reservations at (516) 249-6567

Christian Mothers Rosary Confraternity *An Old Fashioned Christmas*

Our General Meeting is Tuesday, December 3rd at
7:30 p.m. in St. Alphonsus Hall. This is our Christ-
mas Party to celebrate the birth of Christ.

We are having a GRAB BAG, so please bring a NEW
\$10 wrapped gift (in only 1 package). You will re-
ceive a number when you enter and as your num-
ber is called you will pick a gift.

Please bring in munchies like cookies, finger sand-
wiches, cheese and crackers, etc. to share. A
Birthday Cake for Jesus will be served. Raffles 4/
\$5.00 and 50/50 for \$1 each will be sold.

A Blessed Christmas to All!!
All women welcome to celebrate with us.
(If you haven't paid your dues (\$10),
you may do so at the meeting.)





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Consultation with Bishop Murphy

Perhaps you have read in the news that Pope Francis has sent out a questionnaire to the Catholic people all over the world in consultation for the upcoming Synod on the Family that will be held in 2014. A synod in the Roman Catholic Church is the institution of periodic meetings of bishops established in 1965 by Pope Paul VI. According to the *“Decree on the Bishops’ Pastoral Office in the Church”* issued by the Second Vatican Council, the synod is convoked by the pope with the intention of assisting him in church government and of demonstrating the responsibility of bishops as a body for the universal church in addition to their individual responsibility in their respective dioceses.

The pope determines its procedures and agenda and appoints no more than 15 percent of the bishops. The rest of the delegates are elected by their respective national episcopal conferences or are ex officio members. In the years after its institution, the synod was convoked biennially, and the number of delegates averaged about 200. Issues discussed by the delegates included the nature of the priestly ministry, the putting into practice of the principle of collegiality, and the church’s obligations in promoting social justice. The procedures for synods are now incorporated in the second Code of Canon Law (1983).

There is a consultation process before a synod seeks to worldwide. Bishop Murphy distributed the questionnaire for consultation to people of the Diocese of Rockville Centre. The document would be a bit large to include in the bulletin, but you can find it on the Vatican website (www.vatican.va). I will also try to get it on the parish website. The questions raised are issues that we hear about daily in the media. Bishop Murphy explained that the time for filling out this questionnaire is short so if you would like to have input on these questions, I invite you to respond as soon as possible. I suggest you email your thoughts to Msgr. Andrezej Zglejszewski at zandrzej@drvc.org.

Father Pat