

Masses For The Week**Monday - January 6**

6:30 Frances Mauren

9:00 Jerry Saloy

Tuesday - January 7

6:30 Maria Concette Pipitone

9:00 Deceased Members of the Barry Family

Wednesday - January 8

6:30 Angela & Girolamo Giannuzzi

9:00 Carmine & Vincenza Vivolo

Thursday - January 9

6:30

9:00 Christina Kerrigan

Friday - January 10

6:30

9:00 Michael & Josephine Caprio

Saturday - January 119:00 **Multiple Intentions Announced at Mass**

5:00 Margaret Steinbrenner

7:00 Edward Naughton, Anniversary

Sunday - January 12

7:00 The People of the Parish

8:30 Robert McCarron

10:00 Anthony Guglielmo

11:30 Maria Accardi

1:00 Vincent Busuttill

5:30 Michael A, Jr & Sr, & Michael V. Maggio

Readings For The Week

Mon. 1 John 3:22-4:6; Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25

Tues. 1 John 4:7-10; Mark 6:34-44

Wed. 1 John 4:11-18; Mark 6:45-52

Thurs. 1 John 4:19-5:4; Luke 4:14-22a

Fri. 1 John 5:5-13; Luke 5:12-16

Sat. 1 John 5:14-21; John 3:22-30

Sun. *Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7* "Here is my servant whom I uphold. I, the Lord, have called you for the victory of justice," said Isaiah. "To open the eyes of the blind, to bring out prisoners," and to make you a light for the nations.

Acts 10:34-38 God does not play favorites. All who fear the Lord are justified. God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit and the power to do good works and heal all in need.

Matthew 3:13-17 The Holy Spirit descended on him like a dove, and a voice from the heavens said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift

Collection reports for the weekend of December 28/29, Christmas and for January 4/5 will be in the January 12th bulletin.

Reflection & Living Stewardship

Today we remember the three wise men from the East who came to pay homage to the infant Jesus, bringing Him rich gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. The gifts we bring - our time and service and some share of what we earn for the work we do - are equally precious in His sight.

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who provide for the physical, social and emotional health of young women facing motherhood without adequate resources by supporting the Regina Residence through Catholic Charities and the Diocesan Respect Life Office.

Charismatic Prayer Group

It's a brand new year! New beginnings - clean slate! Are you on the path you want to be on? If you've taken a wrong turn and are looking for the way back to God, we can help you. You can be on the right path sooner than you think!



Our next meeting is Monday, January 6th at 7:30PM in the Church. All ages 18 and over are welcome. Call (516) 993-9672 for prayer requests or more information.

**Divine Mercy Novena**

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

St. Martin of Tours Wedding Banns*1st Andrew Tine & Lauren Maniace*

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

This week, the Pantry could use: Oatmeal, pancake mix & syrup, jams or jellies, pears, peaches, macaroni & cheese, pork & beans, black beans, yams, chicken soup, cream soups, Chef Boyardee, ketchup, mayonnaise, brownie mix, juice, tomato paste, tomato sauce, salmon, dry lentils, conditioner, toothpaste, paper towels and tissues.

As always, we are so grateful for your tremendous generosity!

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, 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 Shiepkio, 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, Patricia Marrone, Godeliva Pagan
Mary Henson, Mary Lynn Brassil, Catherine Battiatia
Brendan Rodriguez, Charles Drew, Rebecca Passaro
Joanne Maguire, Dot Widyn
Annette Giuliano, Madeline Ciaravino, Nicole Cagna
Linda Cicoello, Sal Mascolo, Patrick Crowe
Gary Vlahov, Bridget Mullarkey
Chris & Raymond Mirendia, Irene Janampa
Father Henry Sattler, CSSR
Deacon Jim Biggin, Christopher Wezel*



*Week of Jan. 5-11, 2014
Altar Bread & Wine*

*In Loving Memory of
Kevin White, Sr.*

Thought for the Week

*Pleasant words are a
honeycomb, sweet to the soul
and healing to the bones.*

Proverbs 16:24

Rest in Peace

Acts 7:49: “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.”

**Aniello Cafiero
Marian Astorino
Aneilo D’Esposito
Lillian Casco**

Letter from the Pastor

I have very good memories of the Feast of the Holy Family. For the ten years that I was a teacher at our seminary, I had the Christmas holidays free from any assignments since the students went home for Christmas. So Father George Keaveney, the pastor of St. Martin's twenty five years ago, would invite me out to say Mass here so the regular priests could get away for a few days. I would usually have two masses on the Sunday after Christmas, the feast of the Holy Family, and very often my mother and father, as well as other family members would come out here for Mass. Amy Dane would treat them great and offer them breakfast. We would often go to Zorn's for chicken that we would either eat in the car or bring home. Little did I imagine I would someday be pastor of the parish. It was great to share the feast of the Holy Family with my family, a very nice memory as I look back. Now, I feel like I have a another family here at St. Martin's.

The Church gives us this feast of the Holy Family as we reflect on the birth of Jesus into a very real world, where he had a flesh and blood mother, and a special father figure in Joseph. These were the two people who had the responsibility and privilege of raising Jesus in Nazareth. They would have taught him how to say his prayers, and about the great men and women of the Old Testament. They would have brought him to the synagogue. They taught him to read and write. Joseph had Jesus as an apprentice with him in learning the carpentry trade.

The feast comes at a perfect time since there is no time of the year that we are more conscious of family than at Christmas. For the last several days, and for some days to come, we will sit and eat and drink with our families from far and near, share memories of past Christmases, and exchange gifts. No wonder Bing Crosby's song *I'll be home for Christmas* was such a big hit during World War II when lonely soldiers missed their families so very much. It still is a special song.

In my experience, there are all kinds of families. Most families seem to be relatively happy and content and take joy and delight in one another. Granted, there can be occasional fights and disagreements, but generally they are worked out and resolved. There are some families, regrettably, that are shattered and wounded. Those who grew up in such homes often carry bitter memories all their lives. The members of such a family long for love and acceptance but do not know how to give such values to one another. There are families with single parents, families where the grandparents are very involved with the grandchildren, and families where friends become so close that they consider themselves family. I suppose we consider the ideal family as a Mom and Dad, with two or three kids, a dog and nice house. Yet, many good and loving families do not match that picture.

I feel blessed to belong to a loving family, not perfect but a group of people who care deeply for me and I for them. Yet, I do not consider myself by any means an expert on family life. As a priest, I had the joy of being invited to become part of other families and share life with them. I certainly have that feeling here at St. Martin's as your pastor. I am not an expert on families; I am not sure if such a creature exists, but I will pass on my reflections on being a member of family.

It is not always easy to be a member of a family. It doesn't just come naturally. Even though there may be a bond of blood or adoption, one has to work every day to be a good family member, and to be a good family member means there are many times when my desires cannot be the first priority.

Other than the Holy Family (and don't forget they managed to lose Jesus for three days) there are no perfect families, no perfect spouses, children, grandparents and friends. There will always be times when we are disappointed with family members and wish they had acted in a different way.

Forgiveness in my opinion is the most important quality for a marriage, for a family, or for a friendship. We will be hurt in our family interactions and we will grow angry with one another. The temptation is to nurse such grudges and let them fester and grow like a disease. The longer the resentments goes on, the more hardened we can grow in our refusal to speak to one another. I have seen situations where family members have not spoken to each other for years. Sometimes they cannot even remember what they are fighting about. At the time of a funeral, they may patch up their differences, and I think that is good, but how sad that so many years were wasted in not speaking to one another. Life is short. It is sad to waste in resentments.

There is an old saying that you never know someone until you share a will with them. I have seen many families ripped apart by arguments over money. It is so heart-breaking since I am convinced that such greed would be the last thing that parents would have wished for their children. Money can be very destructive. When the money is spent and gone, all that is left are sad people who have lost a precious relationship.

We are not mind readers. We often think we know what another family is thinking or why he or she is acting in a certain way. Half the time I do not know why I act a certain way, so why would I think I can completely know what another is thinking. Best to ask them, rather than rely on your assumptions.

We need to make time to be present to our families. It is easy to get caught up in work, our hobbies, television, shopping, and a thousand other busy projects and find ourselves with no time for our family members. I see more and more families sitting in a restaurant and all four members are on cell phones or texting. So much for the family dinner! There are certain times we have to do our very best to be there for family members: sickness, times of loss, celebrations of happy events.

Even though we may share the same parents and grown up in the same home, we do not all think alike about all things. There needs to be serious effort to appreciate what we share in common and where we respectfully disagree with one another.

Family is in our DNA since we are made in the image of a Triune God, the Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We are made to be connected with one another and we need each other. It is in relationships with family and friends that we can have a very powerful experience of what it means to love and be loved.

Father Pat, CSSR
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RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

WHEN IS IT APPROPRIATE TO INSERT A FEEDING TUBE?

For those of us that will be facing medical emergencies this year, for ourselves or a loved one, this article from the Long Island Catholic can help us along.

In the field of medical ethics, there are few topics more controversial than the issue of food and fluids provided by tube-feeding as MEDICAL TREATMENT, but this needs to be examined more carefully.

THERE SHOULD BE A PRESUMPTION IN FAVOR OF PROVIDING NUTRITION AND HYDRATION TO ALL PATIENTS, INCLUDING PATIENTS WHO REQUIRE MEDICALLY ASSISTED NUTRITION AND HYDRATION, AS LONG AS THIS IS OF SUFFICIENT BENEFIT TO OUTWEIGH THE BURDENS INVOLVED TO THE PATIENT. (Ethical and Religious Directives. USCCB) Here, the USCCB reaffirms its position that food and water are to be considered ORDINARY care and NOT MEDICAL TREATMENT.

Really, isn't this statement just common sense? Food taken through a tube is no more MEDICINE than an aspirin taken orally is FOOD. Furthermore, viewing food and water as medical treatment can play into the mentality of anyone receiving ANY CARE IS A BURDEN, whether to himself or to others. This is especially ironic when, as is often the case, in long-term care facilities, people who can chew and swallow if spoon fed are sometimes tube-fed because it is less time consuming for the care-givers. After months of this, a person may lose the ability to chew and swallow. This then, can present the opportunity OR EXCUSE to remove food and water from the patient because the means of DELIVERY ARE ARTIFICIAL and, therefore, more readily seen as MEDICAL TREATMENT.

Although food and fluids are rightly considered to be ordinary care, this is not to say, that the non-use or removal of a feeding tube always is unethical. When a person's body can no longer process or assimilate food and water, (i.e. when the food no longer provides nutrition and water no longer provides hydration), then their removal is permissible.

"Treatment" is defined as the application of remedies to relieve or cure a disease or disorder." By contrast, food and water, whether taken by mouth or a feeding tube, are examples of basic life necessities. Like other necessities, such as warmth and hygiene, they don't relieve or cure any disease or disorder. Instead, they prevent problems, and their absence leads to death.

Jason Negri LIC Dec. 2013

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.

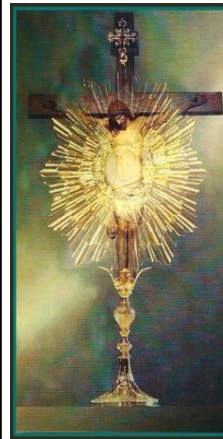
Parent Life is designed to give parents an opportunity to support their parish ministry programs while strengthening their own relationship with Christ and His Church. Parent Life meets once a month on Sundays following the 5:30pm Mass in the school building. **All parents**

Holy Face of Jesus Holy Hour

Please join us on **Monday, January 6th at 1:00PM in the Church** in reparation for the wounds to His Holy Face. All will be blessed with St. Raphael holy oil

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

The next Adoration service is
Tuesday, January 14th
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.

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>.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan 6: Holy Face of Jesus Holy Hour
- Jan 14: Youth Ministry Adoration 7PM
- Jan. 21: Padre Pio 7PM
- Legion of Mary: Every Tuesday at 10AM

St. Martin of Tours HOP Club

Dec. 30 #422	Mrs. Eugene Zeterberg	\$25.00
Dec. 31 #595	Gertrud Louwers	\$25.00
Jan. 1 #75	Peggy Epstein	\$25.00
Jan. 2 #275	Patricia Leonard	\$25.00
Jan. 3 #600	Marion Pensabene	\$50.00

A Litany about Family Values

Loving and gracious God, help each family in our congregation live out their faith together with compassion for each family member and for others; Hear our prayer, O God.

Help each one show kindness to one another and all they meet; Hear our prayer, O God.

Help our families know humility as they remember your glory and greatness, Hear our prayer, O God.

Help our families study meekness, giving all credit to you; Hear our prayer, O God.

Help our families learn patience toward each family member; Hear our prayer, O God.

Above all, clothe each family with your love so that they might show that love to others; Hear our prayer, O God. All this we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

-Father Pat

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.

ORIGINAL Book Club

Dear Book Club Friends,

All the participants at the last meeting were most insightful. It was another event of heartfelt sharing which involved vivid and true connections to our lives and to our world today. However, it became a special time because there was a genuine feeling of community of Catholic believers in Jesus, amid the facts about violence and broken human beings.



Again, all are welcome - new members, old members, recent participants. Whenever you attend, your presence is most valued and appreciated. The next wonderful book is *The Sea* by John Banville. We will contact you about the exact date and location of our next meeting. It will be in January. Thoughts for the book discussion will be sent to all of you.

If there are any questions, please call Ann Mele at (516) 330-3039 or ann111647@netscape.net.

Till then...happy reading!

Father Patrick Woods and Ann Mele

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
 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
 PFC Matthew Castellano, US Army



An Enrichment Day for Married Couples



Spend a day free from pressures, commitments and worries. Take “time out” to focus on your marriage, build stronger communication and deepen your love. This day is for couples of all ages and years married.

DATE: *Saturday, February 01, 2014*

PLACE: *St. Raymond's Cafeteria*

PROGRAM BEGINS: *9:00 A.M. – Sign-in and Breakfast*

10:00 A.M. – First Presentation

PROGRAM ENDS: *4:00 PM - Renewal of Wedding Vows*

5:00 P.M. – Mass (Optional)

Please make check payable to “**St. Raymond Faith & Friendship Ministry**” and send to:

St. Raymond's Rectory
 ATTN: Faith & Friendship Ministry
 263 Atlantic Avenue
 East Rockaway, N.Y. 11518

Couple fee: \$40.00; includes breakfast, lunch and materials. Registration required.

*For information and reservations, contact:
 Charlie & Gerry Peknic at 516-596-6241*

Rachel's Vineyard Weekend Retreat

We know that many women and men struggle with the emotional and spiritual pain associated with abortion. According to recent statistics, one in three people who come to church have been touched by an abortion.

The retreat will be held February 21-23, 2014 at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington NY. You can register by mailing a check for \$150.00 with your name, address, phone and email address. Make checks payable to Life Center of Long Island and mail to:

**Life Center of Long Island
35 E. Willow Street
Massapequa NY 11758**

If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Joe McNicholas at (516)445-3927 or online at: rvr@lifecenterli.org. For additional information, you may also call Rachel's Vineyard toll free at 1-877-HOPE-4-ME or visit the website at www.rachelsvineyard.org.

New Year's Prayers

Let us Pray:

Remember us, O God; from age to age be our comforter. You have given us the wonder of time, blessings in days and nights, seasons and years. Bless your children at the turning of the year and fill the months ahead with the bright hope that is ours in the coming of Christ. You are our God, living and reigning, forever and ever. **R/. Amen.**

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:

where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. **R/. Amen.**

—*Attributed to St. Francis of Assisi*

Recipe for a Happy New Year. Anonymous

Take twelve fine, full-grown months; see that these are thoroughly free from old memories of bitterness, rancor and hate, cleanse them completely from every clinging spite; pick off all specks of pettiness and littleness; in short, see that these months are freed from all the past—have them fresh and clean as when they first came from the great storehouse of Time. Cut these months into thirty or thirty-one equal parts. Do not attempt to make up the whole batch at one time (so many persons spoil the entire lot this way) but prepare one day at a time.

Into each day put equal parts of faith, patience, courage, work (some people omit this ingredient and so spoil the flavor of the rest), hope, fidelity, liberality, kindness, rest (leaving this out is like leaving the oil out of the salad dressing— don't do it), prayer, meditation, and one well-selected resolution. Put in about one teaspoonful of good spirits, a dash of fun, a pinch of folly, a sprinkling of play, and a heaping cupful of good humor.

A New Year's Prayer. Anonymous

Dear Lord, please give me...

A few friends who understand me and remain my friends;
A work to do which has real value,
without which the world would be the poorer;
A mind unafraid to travel, even though the trail be not blazed;
An understanding heart;
A sense of humor;
Time for quiet, silent meditation;
A feeling of the presence of God;
The patience to wait for the coming of these things,
With the wisdom to recognize them when they come. Amen