

Masses For The Week

- Monday - January 5**
6:30 Theresa Carbone
9:00 Maria Concetta Mannino
- Tuesday - January 6**
6:30 Richard Wade
9:00 Thomas & Lucille Regan
- Wednesday - January 7**
6:30 John, Anna & Edward Helldorfer
9:00 Carlo Pensabene
- Thursday - January 8**
6:30 George & Margaret Stietz
9:00 Andrew McCarthy
- Friday - January 9**
6:30 Kevin McTigue
9:00 Erma Eichenlaub
- Saturday - January 10**
9:00 INTENTIONS ANNOUNCED AT MASS
5:00 Kevin Patrick McLaughlin
7:00 Maria Concetta Scalici
- Sunday - January 11**
7:00 The People of the Parish
8:30 Robert McCarron
10:00 Anthony Guglielmo
11:30 Edward Naughton
1:00 Giuseppe Sorisi
5:30 Michael Faderl

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 4:14-22
- 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* "All who are thirsty, come to the water!...I will renew with you the everlasting covenant, the benefits assured to David."**

Acts 10:34-38 The Spirit, the water and the blood all testify. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, came through water and blood. The Spirit is truth.

Mark 1:7-11 When John baptized Jesus, the sky opened and the Spirit descended like a dove. A heavenly voice said, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift

Christmas and the weekend of December 27/28 will be reported in next weekend's bulletin.

Reflection & Living Stewardship

The three wise men who came from the East to pay homage to the infant Jesus brought Him rich gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh as part of their worship. What gifts have I brought to this celebration to offer to the newborn Savior?

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who develop their talents to the fullest in order to use them to benefit church and community by assisting the poor, feeding the hungry, consoling the sorrowful and teaching the young.



Charismatic Prayer Group

Imagine you are the guest of honor at a big party with lots of friends and family. Most stay till the end to hear you speak, but you see others slip out after eating. Sound familiar? Jesus is that Guest of Honor at Mass. When His friends leave before the end, they miss out on His final blessing.

Please stay - it's only about 10 minutes more. Jesus would be so happy! And isn't HE why you came to church in the first place?

Our next meeting is Monday, January 5th at 7:30 PM in the Church. Everyone is welcome! Call (516) 993-9672 for prayer requests or more information.



Saint Maria Faustina

Divine Mercy Novena

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

HOP Club Winners

HOP WINNERS WILL BE REPORTED NEXT WEEK-END.



“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, sweet cereals, pancake mix & syrup, sugar, pasta sauce, beef stew, tomato paste, lentils, mustard, ketchup, mayonnaise, oil, brownie mix, evaporated milk, coffee, boxed milk, icing, toilet paper, dish soap, shampoo, tissues and diapers (size 5).

Thank you for your tremendous generosity. May you and your loved ones be blessed abundantly in this new year.

Parish Outreach Food Pantry:

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

There will come a time when you believe that everything is finished.
That will be the beginning.

Louis L'Amour

Rest in Peace

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

*John Scully, Mildred A. Vogel
Anthony J. Citarella, Sr.
Margaret Zuk*

Please pray for the sick of our parish:

Reminder: please call the rectory at 931-0818 to remove a name from the list. Thank you.

Vincent Valenti, Ledwin Mason, Leevalli Annearosa
Fran Pignataro, Leigh Murphy, Richard Piernini
John Tortorice, Joseph Simon, Douglas Torres
James Robertson, Amy Hayes
Mom & Dad, Bill Kelly, Matthew Messina
Sharon Shiepkko, Christopher Gratton, John Mitchell
Pat Cannata, Barbara Thompson, Donald Castor
Dorothy Quinn, Zachery Duff, Sam Zubov
Patricia Marrone, Mary Henson, Mary Lynn Brassil
Catherine Battiata, Brendan Rodriguez, Rebecca Passaro
Dot Widyn, Annette Giuliano, Madeline Ciaravino
Nicole Cagna, Gary Vlahov, Christopher Wezel
Eileen Catalano, Tom Schuerlein, Katie Walsh
Chris & Raymond Mirendia, Louise Sandberg
Jennie Ruggiero, Nicholas Tiseo, Florencio Carmenate
Anthony Luisi, Ray & Pattie Meegan
Deacon Gene Capobianco, Mary McCarthy
Christina Macchio, Karen Kilgard, Angela Calendrille
Tess Steubing, Ann Marie Frayler, Nicholas Balducci
Robert Kennan, Corey Voboril, Charles Walsh
Baby Scarlett May Duffey, Vincent Mescia, Tommy Johnson
Margaret Amarosa, Joey Boncic, Harry Smith
Joseph Vareed, Joseph Antonakos, James Cardillo
Grace Pastorello, Anna M. Bosco, Baby Daniel
Janet Medina, Kevin Henson, Marie Newman, Jane Moore
Lee Berkowitz, The Mascia Family, Caleb Haniquet
Edward Brown, Ceil Hollander, Ann Mirto, Vicki Perri
Daniel Costa, Nikki Eleanor Behrik, Hector Valentine
Theresa DuRoss, Bob Baciuska, Lorraine Dennan
Deacon Jim Biggin, Baby Aubrey, Carol Ann Scudder
John Scudder, Thomas Napoli, Joan Spira
Gerald Campbell



Week of January 4 - 10, 2015

*Sanctuary Candle
In Loving Memory of
Andrew McCarthy*



Week of January 4-10, 2015

*Altar Bread & Wine
In Loving Memory of
Robert Ohrt*

Pastor's Letter

I like very much to travel and see new places. Whenever I go to a city that I have never been before, if possible, I sign up for a tour of the city. I have had some wonderful trips to Ireland, Italy, Lourdes, and the Holy Land that I will treasure forever. I have seen the Grand Canyon, the California Red Woods, the Pacific Ocean, Niagara Falls, eaten fried ravioli in St. Louis, kielbasa in Milwaukee, chicken wings in Buffalo, jambalaya in New Orleans, lobster in Maine. Still - nothing tops a slice of New York Pizza.

I can also say that I cannot stand traveling. First of all it is expensive. I am not a man who is made for sitting in an airline seat for ten hours. I do not like taking off my shoes and especially my belt, fearing a clothing malfunction, at airports. Shannon, the girl in my car GPS is often angry at me as she shouts, "...recalculating!" My favorite car maneuver is the U-Turn. Years ago, I had to organize a meeting for many Redemptorists. The meeting was to be held in Hartford, but I ended up in the wrong New England city - Boston! The confreres told me it was the best meeting they ever had. It was on a plane trip to Pittsburgh that I learned that my mother had died. I can say I love to travel but I also can't stand traveling.

Some people travel to find something that is missing in their life. I think of the El Camino, the Way of St. James made popular in Martin Sheen's movie *The Way* where people walk several hundred miles as pilgrims, some seeking God and others seeking some understanding of life and themselves. There is a best selling novel and movie about a woman named Cheryl Strayed, who, as way to heal herself after a divorce, the death of her mother, and years of destructive behavior, goes on hike of more than thousand miles on the Pacific Crest Trail to find healing.

The Scriptures often give us people who are traveling at the call of God. Abraham, our father in faith, is asked to pack up his family and everything he knows and follow God to a new land. Moses is called to lead his people out of slavery in Egypt to the promised land. We know that is a very difficult journey as the Jewish people spend 40 years wandering in the desert. Moses dies before he is able to enter into the promised land. Mary the mother of Jesus is called to an awesome spiritual journey. She is asked to let go of all her dreams and desires for an ordinary married life in Nazareth and be the Mother of God.



How often in the Gospels do we hear Jesus say to the those he meets along the way: *Come Follow me*. Some immediately leave their daily lives and go off on the way with Christ; others refuse and stay home, not having the courage to leave what they know. Certainly today, the Great Feast of the Epiphany, is a powerful account of men who followed a star to see the newborn King of the Jews. This is an amazing journey since they are not Jewish; they do not know who Christ is. But there is something in that star that stirs their hearts and moves them to make what is a most difficult and burdensome trip. They leave a life of comfort and wealth and risk robbers and evil King Herod so that the restlessness that has taken hold of them as they view the star, can only be satisfied by following it to find what it means.

Their trip does not promise guaranteed success to have these yearning satisfied. They walk in tremendous faith. They walk in hope. They walk together.

Spiritual writers love the image of journey. Vatican II referred to the church as the People of God on a pilgrimage. One of the reasons we have processions at Mass, up the aisle and down the aisle, is not simply to allow the priest to get out of Church first (although it does seem that a few slip out ahead of him anyway). It is to suggest the pilgrimage we are on in this life.

A key aspect of our journey is that we do not know exactly where we are going and how it will all turn out. There is an old saying, "We make plans and a God laughs!" Or to quote John Lennon, "Life is what happens when we are making plans." Every life has detours, flat tires, overbooked flights and cancelled flights. They come in the form of illness, unemployment, divorce, a sudden death of a loved one, or a psychological depression. There are countless joys along the way too - falling in love, the birth of a child, the daily sunrise, a surprise visit from a friend, the hug of a grandchild, or January 12, 1968 the Jets in the Super Bowl. As much as we think we are in charge of our lives, we really cannot control all the events and circumstances of life.

Faith is our GPS but it is not always plugged in and there are lots of times when we do have to recalculate. The Wise Men believed in the faith that they are heading for God but not absolutely certain they will meet him. We are all heading toward God from the moment we are born. He breathed life into us and every hair of our head is counted. We are loved by God, but he respect us so much he allows us the freedom to follow whatever paths we choose. He does promise to be with us at all times and never abandon us. He is Emmanuel - God with us. He gives us the guidebooks of the word of God, the Church, and the power of the Holy Spirit to keep us on track. He is Emmanuel—God with us!

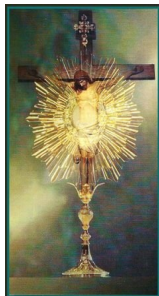
We will meet lots of people on our journey of life; some we will share life in family and marriages; some we grow very close to in love and friendship. Others we will meet for a brief time, but they will touch us and we will grace them in some special way. Some we will call our enemies and seek to avoid them. Yet, they too are fellow pilgrims on the same journey.

A key teaching of this feast is that God is for all people on the journey. For a long time in the Jewish tradition, it was believed that God had a special relationship with the Jews since they were the chosen people. With the birth of Christ and the appearance of the Magi, Scripture is revealing to us all that **all** people have been made in the image of God and that God loves them. We are all pilgrims walking on the same earth under the same sun.



Today we are blessed, as we are every day, every week, to receive Food for the journey, in the Holy Eucharist and in our coming together, which strengthens us on our pilgrimage of faith.

Father Patrick Woods, CSsR
woodscsr@aol.com; www.smtbethpage.org



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Youth Ministry Adoration is Tuesday, January 13th
at 7:00 PM in the Church.

Everyone is welcome!

An Invitation

All families who have had their babies baptized in 2014 are invited to come to the 10:00 AM Mass on Sunday, January 11, 2015 for a special blessing. God bless all our families!

Father Pat, CSSR

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.

The Religious Education Classes are back from Christmas break the week of January 5th.

Please be cautious as you come into and leave the parking lot as children will be in the area. For the safety of all, please refer to the notice below. Thank you very much!

FOR HELP IN A CRISIS PREGNANCY

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

*ROSELINE, LIFE CENTER 24 HOURS,
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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 - park ONLY in the church parking lot or municipal lot during these days and hours. Thank you.



1/4/15: Life Night 7-8:30PM OLPH Youth Room



Edge: Edge meets on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays of each month in the OLPH Youth Center from 7-8:30pm.

Upcoming Events:

1/8/15: Edge Night 7-8:30PM OLPH Youth Room

To see our full schedule, please visit SMTBethpage.org!

For questions about Youth Ministry at SMT or to inquire about joining our team, please contact Erin Horan-Baudille at SMT_Lifeteen@Yahoo.com.

The Youth Ministry has an office phone now! It is (516) 870-5669.

Thank you St. Martin of Tours!

Members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul gathered at Kay Wilson's home to sort and distribute gift cards donated by way of the tags on the Giving Tree. The Vincentians had \$7,450 worth of gift cards to collate that evening. The families on the list of recipients were known to the Vincentians or the volunteers in Parish Outreach. In all, 140 families received a packet of gift cards ranging from \$190 to \$25. The cards were distributed according to the size of the family and their needs.



Christmas was much merrier, much brighter and much more blessed because of the unfailing generosity of the people of St. Martin of Tours parish. The members of the Society thank you...the families who received gift cards, thank you. The Vincentians were overwhelmed and inspired by the generosity of our parishioners.

May God bless you for all you have done to bring the Christmas spirit to some neighbors who are going through difficult times.

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.



Lord of Hosts, we commend to Your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with Your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils that beset them; and grant them Your abiding presence wherever they may be. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



MAJ Brian McGrath, US Army
 CPT Gregory Holownia, US Army
 PO3 Matthew Sadecki, USCG
 SGT Zachary John Sheehy, USMC
 PVT Travis Ruggiero, US Army, Afghanistan
 L CPL Dennis Diesel, USMC
 L CPL 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
 SGT Michael John Kelly, USMC
 1LT Brian McGrath, US Army
 SPC Matthew Castellano, US Army
 PFC Michael Patrick Murphy, US Army, Korea
 PFC William Corrigan, USMC
 PFC Salvatore Battiata, USAF
 LT Daniel Cloonan, USCG
 PVT Daniel Kuhlmann, US Army
 RCT Jonathan M. Gordon, MCRD PI
 2LT Sean O'Donnell, USAF
 SGT Matthew C. Windisch, USMC
 E3 CORPSMAN Robert Fidnarick, USN
 1LT Brian Thorpe, USN Pilot, Persian Gulf
 PO3 Joshua Zimmerman, USN
 MAJ Brendan McEvoy, US Army, Afghanistan
 PVT Matthew F. Mayerhofer, US Army
 BUCN Sean Bourke, US Navy
 PO3 James Fischer, USN
 LTCOL John Evans, US Army

Dear Saint Martin of Tours Book Club Friends,

I hope this holy season, devoted to preparing for the baby Jesus, brings all of you much joy and hope. **Our next meeting will be Friday, January 30, 2015 at 7:30PM in St. Alphonsus Hall.** We will be reading "*The Boys in the Boat*" by Daniel James Brown.

Once again all are welcome including new faces and familiar ones. Your participation is a true joy to each and every one of us. The book does not need to be completed when you attend the meeting. I will be sending an email about 10 days before the meeting.

Please email me at ann111647@netscape.net or call me at (516) 330-3039.

We pray that you have a very Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year filled with blessings of Emanuel. We look forward to seeing you in 2015!

Till then, happy reading and God bless!

Father Patrick Woods and Ann Mele

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

Hartigan Council's Annual Free Throw Contest at
J.F.K. Middle School Gym
Saturday, January 10, 2015
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM



Open to boys & girls ages 9 - 14
ALL ARE WELCOME
Call Steve DeRosa 516- 932-5785

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan 5: Holy Face Devotions 1:00PM Church
- Jan 5: Charismatic Prayer Group 7:30PM Church
- Jan 11: Blessing of babies baptized in 2014 at 10AM Mass
- Jan 13: Youth Ministry Adoration 7PM
- Jan 19: Rectory Closed in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr.
- Jan 20: Padre Pio Prayer Group 7PM Church
- Jan 30: SMT Book Club 7:30PM St Alphonsus Hall
- Legion of Mary: Every Tuesday at 10AM
at St. James Parish, Seaford
- Holy Face Devotions:
1st Monday of the Month 1:00PM Church

To donate furniture: St. Vincent de Paul at 516-746-8250

**POPE FRANCIS HOSPITALITY CENTER LOCATED AT
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
SCHOOL BASEMENT, 1510 DE PAUL STREET, ELMONT NY 11003
Every Saturday 9AM to 1PM**

St. Ignatius Loyola Parish

129 Broadway (Route 107)
Hicksville NY 11801 presents dinner and

“A Night at the Races”

Date: January 24, 2015

Place: Msgr. Tarrant Hall

St. Ignatius Church is at 129 Broadway (rt.107), Hicksville. Msgr. Tarrant Hall is in the Old School on East Nicolai Street (behind the church). The Hall is handicapped accessible.

Time: Doors open at 6:30 pm

Dinner served at 7 pm

Races start at 7:45 pm

Cost: \$15.00 per person

Dinner will be served buffet style and we ask that you bring your own drinks. Water will be available for purchase. For reservations please call Karen at 516-937-5527. **We hope you will join us for a fun filled night!!**



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*Saturday, January 24, 2015
1:00pm to 3:00pm*

*530 Hempstead Boulevard
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516 481-3303*

www.stmartinmarianist.org

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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>

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.

**RESPECT LIFE OFFICE
THE DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTER**

OUR MISSION IS TO ENUNCIATE AND PROMOTE THE PRINCIPLE THAT HUMAN LIFE, AT ALL STAGES FROM CONCEPTION TO NATURAL DEATH, IS A GIFT FROM GOD, WORTHY OF RESPECT AND PROTECTION.

Place this information in your phone book, or keep a copy in a place where you, someone you love, or someone in need might need this help one day.



THIS MINISTRY ENCOMPASSES: PRAYER, EDUCATION, ADVOCACY, CARE AND SERVICES:

DIOCESAN CONVOCATION: (Legislative Outreach and Activities). IN cooperation with the NYSCC, communicate with NYS and Federal legislators on proposed laws and funding streams involving Respect Life concerns. www.nyscatholicconference.org.

* END OF LIFE ISSUES. www.nyscatholic.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/11/End-of-Life-booklet-final.pdf.

* INFERTILITY CARE AND SUPPORT: www.fertilitycare.org/giannacenter

* ABSTINENCE AND CHASTITY: www.thetheologyofthebody.com. www.generationlife.org.

* CONTRACEPTION (NFP): Natural family planning: www.drvcfaith.org/marriage/natural-family-planning/

* INFERTILITY CARE AND SUPPORT: www.fertilitycare.org/giannacenter

* PROJECT RACHEL: Outreach Ministry for those who suffer or who are touched by abortion loss through trained, caring and compassionate team. www.hopeafterabortion.com.

* SPIRITUAL ADOPTION: www.flrl.org/RL_SpiritualAdoption.htm

* OTHER CONCERNS: MARRIAGE, REPRODUCTIVE TECHNOLOGIES/INFERTILITY TREATMENTS, STEM CELL RESEARCH & CLONING, CRISIS PREGNANCY, MARCH FOR LIFE, WASHINGTON, DC. POST ABORTION MINISTRY, DEATH PENALTY, JUST WAR DOCTRINE, LEGISLATIVE OUTREACH & ADVOCACY, DISABLED AND CHRONICALLY ILL, SUICIDE, EUTHANASIA/END OF LIFE ISSUES, CONSCIENCE PROTECTION.

*CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTERS: Life Center of Long Island www.lifecenter.org

Birthright: www.birthrightlongisland.org/site/

*MATERNITY HOMES: Bethany House <http://www.bethanyhouseny.com/>

Momma's House <http://www.mommashouse.org/>

Mother of Good Counsel Home: 516 223 1013

Regina Maternity Services: 516 223 7888

RESPECT LIFE TRAINING MEETINGS AND FORUMS.

These events help to educate parish, Respect Life Coordinators and professionals on a particular issue in a comprehensive manner.

* E-NEWSLETTER: The main purpose is to inform pastors and Respect Life leaders about current Respect Life issues and diocesan approved information, bulletin, inserts and references for parish programs. The office Newsletter has become increasingly important to convey accurate and timely information to pastors, and Respect Life leaders. It is the main vehicle of communication for diocesan Respect Life events.

RESPECT LIFE OFFICE: 50 North Park Ave., Rockville Centre, NY 11570
516 678 5800 ext. 626 & 381. dtellis@drvc.org. www.drvc.org/respectlife .
FIND THEM ON FACEBOOK!

**St. Ignatius Loyola Parish Presents
A 6 Day, 5 night trip to the Biltmore Estate and Ashville, NC
Sunday, April 26 to Friday, May 1, 2015**

At the incredible price of only \$499 per person, double occupancy
(add \$150 for single occupancy).

Price includes:

- Motor coach transportation leaving from St. Ignatius Church, 129 Broadway, Hicksville, at 8 am
- 5 night lodging including 3 consecutive nights in the Ashville area
- 8 meals: 5 breakfasts and 3 dinners
- Guided tour of **Ashville, NC**
- Full day visit to the **Biltmore Estate**
- Guided drive along the **Blue Ridge Parkway**
- Visit to the **Blue Ridge Parkway Visitor Center** to view a film in high definition surround sound
- Visit to the famous **Folk Art Center**
- Visit to the magnificent **St. Lawrence Basilica**
- Tips for driver and step-on guides
- And much more!

- Reservations: \$75 due upon sign-up and in by February 14, 2015
- Final payment due by February 28, 2015
- Diamond Tours Exclusive "Travel Confident Protection Plan" is available for \$35
- For information and reservations contact **Barbara @ (516) 935-5576**

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

