

Masses For The Week

- Monday - January 26**
 6:30 Janice & Nauredine Rhazdami, LIVING
 9th Wedding Anniversary
 9:00 John & Angeline Serventi
- Tuesday - January 27**
 6:30 George & Kay Ruff
 9:00 Paul Vero
- Wednesday - January 28**
 6:30 Marge Zuk
 9:00 Rev. Jim Small, CSsR
- Thursday - January 29**
 6:30 Joseph Reali
 9:00 Vernon Sattler
- Friday - January 30**
 6:30 John Scully
 9:00 Maria Concetta Minnino
- Saturday - January 31**
 9:00 INTENTIONS ANNOUNCED AT MASS
 5:00 Madeline Pellicano
 7:00 Louis Ruggiero, Anniversary
- Sunday - February 1**
 7:00 The People of the Parish
 8:30 Alfonso Anastasio
 10:00 Sam Malerba
 11:30 Dr. Adoracion M. Balonon
 1:00 Freddie & Alfred Sussi
 5:30 Theresa Tavarelli, 1st Anniversary

Readings For The Week

- Mon. 2 Timothy 1:1-8; Mark 3:22-30
 Tues. Hebrews 10:1-10; Mark 3:31-35
 Wed. Hebrews 10:11-18; Mark 4:1-20
 Thurs. Hebrews 10:19-25; Mark 4:21-25
 Fri. Hebrews 10:32-39; Mark 4:26-34
 Sat. Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19; Mark 4:35-41
Sun. *Deuteronomy 18:15-20* Moses told all the people that the Lord would raise up a prophet among them and put words into his mouth. Whoever does not listen must answer to the Lord.

1 Corinthians 7:32-35 Paul encouraged the Corinthians, in view of the times, to remain free of worry and devoted to God. A virgin is anxious about the things of the Lord, that she may be holy.

Mark 1:21-28 Jesus entered the synagogue to teach. All were amazed because he spoke with such great authority. When unclean spirits obeyed Jesus, the crowd stood in awe.



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

Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift

Amount Budgeted: \$17,500.00
 1/18/15 \$13,894.65

Thank you for your great generosity!

Reflection & Living Stewardship



There is a certain urgency in Today's Gospel as Jesus calls His first disciples Andrew and Simon, James and John. Each one follows Jesus *immediately*, unhesitatingly abandoning nets and boat and father and fellow-workers. To what is Jesus calling me - at *this* moment, in *these* circumstances? What will I need to abandon in order to follow him.

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who work in parish-based advocacy groups to bring Gospel values and Catholic social teaching to the wider community.

Charismatic Prayer Group

Start the New Year fresh! Clean out your personal closet. We are collecting all grudges, resentments, anger, fear, pain, shame and whatever else you have. Bring it all here and give it to Jesus, then you'll have plenty of room for love, forgiveness, hope and mercy.

The next "collection" (meeting) is Monday, January 26th at 7:30 PM in the Church. Everyone is welcome! Call (516) 993-9672 for prayer requests or more information.

Congratulations to all our winners!

HOP Club Winners

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| 1/19/15 #418 | M/M John Battaglia | \$25 |
| 1/20/15 #346 | James Fanning | \$25 |
| 1/21/15 #342 | Jim & Pat Belmonte | \$25 |
| 1/22/15 #205 | Barbara Wunsch | \$25 |
| 1/23/15 #608 | Barbara Kelly | \$50 |



“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, white rice, chili, beef stew, salmon, pancake mix, syrup, mayonnaise, ketchup, coffee, sugar, brownies, cake mix, icing, Jell-O, pudding, shampoo, dish soap, laundry soap, toilet paper, wipes.

Parish Outreach Food Pantry:

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

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

**Now is the time to respond
 to God and seize every
 grace-filled moment.**



Week of January 25-31, 2015

Altar Bread & Wine

*In Loving Memory of
 Philip & Pat Capolongo*

Week of January 25 - 31, 2015

Sanctuary Candle

*In Loving Memory of
 The Martuge Family*



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.

Ledwin Mason, Leevalli Annearosa
 Pattie Meegan, Fran Pignataro, Leigh Murphy
 Richard Piernini, John Tortorice, Joseph Simon
 Douglas Torres, James Robertson, Amy Hayes
 Mom & Dad, Bill Kelly, Matthew Messina
 Sharon Shiepkco, 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, 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 Baciуска, Lorraine Dennan
 Deacon Jim Biggin, Baby Aubrey, Carol Ann Scudder
 John Scudder, Thomas Napoli, Joan Spira
 Gerald Campbell, Nicki, Vincent Esposito, Terry Hall
 Maria Osicki, Joe Bauer, Catherine A. McCarthy
 John Terence Ruane, Paul Granberg, James Fanning
 Antoinette Diana



Rest in Peace

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

***Phyllis Colucci, Anne Tortorella
 Beatrice Ryan Cozzi***

Pastor's Letter

What Are You Looking For?

There are different experiences of shopping. Sometimes, you go to a store and you know exactly what you want. You might go into CVS looking for AA batteries. If you know where they are, you go right to them. If you do not know where they are, you ask a salesperson where the batteries are and they direct you to them. Now comes a crucial moment for me. Will I go right to the checkout or will I start doing some casual shopping, not looking for anything in particular, but roaming the aisles, looking at the merchandise, wondering if I need more shampoo or a birthday card. The salesperson stops and asks, "Can I help you?" "No, I am just looking." The problem with me at this moment is I often get distracted, waste time, and often buy something I do not need.

*John was standing with two
of his disciples, and as he
watched Jesus walk by,
he said,
"Behold, the Lamb of God."*

*The two disciples heard what
he said and followed Jesus.
Jesus turned and saw them
following him
and said to them,
"What are you looking for?"*

*They said to him,
"Rabbi" — which translated
means Teacher —
"where are you staying?"*

*He said to them, "Come, and
you will see." John 1: 35*

There is another experience of shopping I often find frustrating. I go into a store, perhaps looking for a Christmas or birthday gift for a friend. I do not really have any idea what I want to get; I only know I am looking for a gift. Up and down the aisles I go, hoping I will find something I will buy as the gift. This experience has cost me hours of time and I rarely find the gift that satisfies me. I do not know what I am looking for.

Today Gospel raises a question from Jesus to the first apostles that I have always found to be a most clarifying question: Two followers of John the Baptist see Jesus walk by: John says, There is the Lamb of God. Andrew, the brother of Peter, and another disciple begin to follow at a distance the man that the Baptist has pointed out. Jesus turns around and looks at the two men and says, What are you looking for? The disciples are attracted to Jesus and ask him where he is staying. The Lord says to them, "Come and you will see."

I love the question *What are you looking for?* since it is both a direct and focuses question. Sometimes we are the person who goes to the store and knows exactly what he or she seeks. As I said earlier, you can get waylaid by distractions and no longer pursue what you really seek and no longer find what you seek. And, there is also the example of not knowing exactly what we want. There is a vague sense that we seek something, we want something, but we cannot identify it and go up and down the aisles of life seeking something but never sure what it is. I think of the song by U2, the Irish rock group, *"I still haven't found what I am looking for."*

What are **we** looking for? Certainly our response to such a question changes over the course of our lives. A little child wants to be loved by Mommy and Daddy and feel safe in their arms. Most teenagers want to have friends, belong to a group, to dress like everyone else and not in any way to be considered weird. Many young people worry endlessly about getting good SAT's and good grades to get into a college they want to attend. Others want out of school and to get into the work force. We want work that is meaningful and pays well with a boss who values and respects us. Most young and not so young adults want to fall in love, marry, and have children and a nice home. They want their kids to be happy and the cycle continues. Eventually, their children marry and they want to know when will you give us grandchildren.

There is the saying, "when you have your health you have everything." Most of us want good health and when we are sick we storm heaven with prayer to recover. We want to be happy and content. If we have had a falling out with a family member, we want to find healing and reconciliation. It hurts to be angry at someone we once loved. What are we looking for?

In high school I wanted to make the basketball team and the National Honor Society. In college I wanted to have friends and be popular. In the seminary, I wanted God to let me know for sure that I was called to be a priest. Although I believe I was called to be a priest, I never got a direct call from God. As a young priest, I wanted to help people; I wanted to be respected by my fellow priests.

I wanted to be successful, whatever that meant. As time passed, I wanted to have close friends with whom I could share my life. I did not want to be lonely. I did have what the world might call success and became a recognized leader in the Redemptorist community. All along I knew I had a deeper longing, a longing to know God's love in my heart, to overcome my sins and faults, and to love him in return yet seeking to be successful was very seductive.

I have found that getting a bit older helps me see many of things that were once so important to me, that I thought would bring great joy and happiness were not nearly as important as I once thought. It has become a bit easier to know what is essential in life is loving and being loved by the God who made me, died for me, and rose on the third day. Still, it is easy enough to get lost in the many aisles of life that are not very significant. I suppose I could survive if *Blue Bloods* was cancelled or if the Mets fail to get a shortstop. I suppose I am seeking to take each day as a gift and not get lost on the road.

How about you? What would you say to the question: What are you looking for? Even more importantly, what would you say if it was Jesus asking the question *what is important to you?* Our first response to that question would be good and solid: family, faith, friends, work, sufficient money and good health. But if you sit with the question for a while, if you allow yourself to go deeper into your center, into the core of your heart, you will hear the whisper of your soul. *I long for God.* This is true for every person who has ever lived. Although they may not now it, atheists and agnostics long for God because it was God who breathed life into them. It is easy for any one of us to be so busy, or to be so caught up with many good and wonderful aspects of life, that we are unable to hear the longing for God.

I will end with the great quote of St. Augustine who spent the early part of his life running from the question of what are you looking for:

"Too late have I loved you, O Beauty of ancient days, yet ever new! Too late I loved you! And behold, you were within, and I abroad, and there I searched for you; I was deformed, plunging amid those fair forms, which you had made. You were with me, but I was not with you. Things held me far from you—things which, if they were not in you, were not at all. You called, and shouted, and burst my deafness. You flashed and shone, and scattered my blindness. You breathed odors and I drew in breath—and I pant for you. I tasted, and I hunger and thirst. You touched me, and I burned for your peace. O God, our hearts are restless until they rest in thee." St. Augustine, Confessions

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LIFE LINE SCREENING

ST MARTIN OF TOURS AT ST. ALPHONSUS PARISH HALL
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FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 2015 - FIRST APPOINTMENT BEGINS AT 9AM
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Life Line Screening is a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs, atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat, and a bone density screening for men and women. **REGISTER** for a wellness package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$140 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete.

In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners

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**2015 SAT Exam Prep Course
For May 2nd SAT Exam**

The course is held on
the following Saturdays:

February 28
March 7, 21 & 28
April 18 & 25

9:00 - 11:30AM in Marian Hall
Course Fee: \$250.00
Includes textbooks

Contact:
Mrs. Stutzmann
(516) 922-4888 x 5241
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Our 39th Year
Nassau County Chapter No. 1
PO Box 2031

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

NON-DENOMINATION - ALL ARE WELCOME

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2015
8PM**

**THE MEETING IS HELD EVERY 4TH TUESDAY AT
ST. FRANCES DE CHANTAL SCHOOL
1309 WANTAGH AVENUE, WANTAGH**

**PLEASE BRING PROOF OF
SINGLE STATUS TO JOIN.
REFRESHMENTS AFTER MEETING.**

**FOR MORE INFO, PLEASE CALL:
CAROL AT 516-794-4933 or
EILEEN AT 516-661-4353**

**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.



January 25: Life Night following the 5:30pm Mass until 8:30pm
There is NO Life Night on February 1st.



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

Upcoming Event: February 5: Edge Night 7-8:30PM OLPH Youth Room

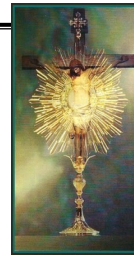
To see our full schedule, please visit SMTBethpage.org!

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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Youth Ministry Adoration is Tuesday, February 10th at 7:00 PM
in the Church.
Everyone is welcome!



**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>

**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.

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
 LCPL Jonathan M. Gordon, USMC
 2LT Sean O'Donnell, USAF
 SGT Matthew C. Windisch, USMC
 E3 CORPSMAN Robert Fidnarick, US Navy
 1LT Brian Thorpe, USN Pilot, Persian Gulf
 PO3 Joshua Zimmerman, US Navy
 MAJ Brendan McEvoy, US Army, Afghanistan
 PVT Matthew F. Mayerhofer, US Army
 BUCN Sean Bourke, US Navy
 PO3 James Fischer, US Navy
 LTC John Evans, US Army
 STS2(SS) James McDevitt, US Navy
 ABHAA Michael Creagh, US Navy
 PVT Steven DiPaolo, USMC
 SSGT Sean V. Oliva, US Army

Dear Saint Martin of Tours Book Club Friends,

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. We look forward to seeing you! Happy and Healthy New Year to All!

Father Patrick Woods and Ann Mele

FUNDRAISER FOR JOEY

Join us for a fundraiser for the Boncic Family at **Governor's Comedy Club in Levittown on Wednesday evening, February 4th at 8PM.** Joey is putting up a good fight, and we need to continue to rally behind him!

FOR TICKET SALES:

Courtney Fenyo: courtneyfenyo@hotmail.com

Jennifer McAuliffe: nyjenn1974@yahoo.com

FOR RAFFLE DONATIONS:

Mary Ann Botoska: marybotoska@gmail.com

Maria Regina School

4045 Jerusalem Avenue in Seaford

www.mariareginaschool.org

**You are cordially invited to any of our
Open Houses!**



Sunday, January 25, 2015

10:00am – 12 noon – All grades
Nursery thru Grade 8.

FAITH FORWARD

MARIA REGINA SCHOOL

Tuesday, January 27, 2015

10:00am – 11:00am

**Come to a place where values are learned,
where your child can reach their full potential
in a safe and nurturing environment.**

Call for a tour: 516-541-1229

L.I. Catholic Widows & Widowers Club

This Club is for those Catholics who have lost a spouse. They meet on the first Thursday of the month at 8:00PM and are located at the V.F.W. Post 7277 Hall, 191 Veterans Boulevard, Massapequa.

Proof of widowhood is required to join. The annual dues is \$24.00. Please call Maureen at (516)781-4763 for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan 26: Charismatic Prayer Group 7:30PM Church
- Jan 30: SMT Book Club 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Feb 2: Holy Face of Jesus Devotion 1:00PM Church
- Feb 6: First Friday Devotions 7:00PM Church
- Feb 7: First Saturday Devotions 8:30AM Church
- Feb 10: Youth Ministry Adoration 7PM Church
- Feb 12: Respect Life Meeting 11AM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Feb 17: Padre Pio 7PM Church
- Feb 21: Parish International Night 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Mar 20: Life Line Screening begins at 9AM 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

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**First Trimester Honor Roll
School Year 2014-2015**

Congratulations to the following students and parishioners of St. Martin of Tours!

Elizabeth Allhusen, Vincent Fariello, Nicole Guiquin, Sarah Haley
Jenny-Anne Kennedy, Francis Lisa, Anthony Marino, Vittoria Notaro
Aileen O'Connell, Sarah Pancoast, Brooke Perke, Alexis Poggio
Angela Rizzo, Daniel Rizzo, Geena Sullivan

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS



Come to First Friday Devotions on February 6th at 7:00 P.M. in the Eucharistic Chapel in reparation for the sins against the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

These devotions will be prayed on February 7th at 8:30 A.M. consisting of the Rosary of Reparation, reading about Fatima and consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. All are welcome!

Holy Face of Jesus Holy Hour

Please join us on Monday, February 2nd at 1:00 p.m. in the Church for the Holy Face of Jesus Holy Hour in reparation for the blasphemy and the wounds to His Holy Face.



INFORMATION FOR LITURGICAL MINISTRY TRAINING FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

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" **in addition** to Session "A". Please write a letter to the pastor, Father Pat Woods, CSSR expressing your desire to become an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion for the Church and/or Hospital Homebound.

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.**

TIMES AND PLACES FOR MINISTRY TRAINING:

In Nassau:

**"A" Session Training for Extraordinary Ministers
ENGLISH AND SPANISH**

April 18, 2015; 9 AM—1 PM
Kellenberg Memorial High School, Uniondale

In Suffolk:

**"A" Session Training for Extraordinary Ministers
ENGLISH AND SPANISH**

April 25, 2015; 9 AM—1 PM
McGann Mercy High School, Riverhead

In Nassau:

"B" session for Extraordinary Ministers

May 16, 2015; 9 AM—1 PM
Kellenberg Memorial High School, Uniondale

In Suffolk:

"B" Session for Extraordinary Ministers

May 9, 2015; 9 AM—1 PM
McGann Mercy High School, Riverhead

EVENING SESSIONS for Extraordinary Ministers at St. Elizabeth, Melville.

Session "A" - Wednesday, May 6, 2015; 7:30—10 PM
Session "B" - Wednesday, May 20, 2015; 7:30—10PM

WORKSHOP FEES: Extraordinary Ministers of Communion: \$30 per person (fee paid by St. Martin's).

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

As buses were leaving this past Thursday for the Right to Life in Washington, we think of all of the babies, 56,000,000 (fifty six million) that were aborted since Roe V. Wade became the law of the land. We hope that these devoted people bring the message that "Life is at the Top" of our existence here on earth. It is the true gift from God.



We live in a world that is under siege by some that believe that Life is not sacred. We worry that innocent people will be killed for their beliefs, and that these attacks can come at any time. We have felt that fear and rallied from it on September 11, 2001. We may feel despair at times, not knowing what, or how to end these series of attacks that seems to be becoming global.

But, there is a way to deal with it all - the truest power, the power of Prayer.

Fountain of Everlasting Peace and Healing Balm
wash over our wounds of war, violence and hatred.
Scrub deep the stains that destroy the fabric of Your existence.
Mend the tattered threads of the cloak of Your Majesty,
the delicate web of the universe which is Your Life and Love.
A Prophet of non-violence, You have raised us up for truth,
reflecting the source of Your unfathomable wisdom,
flowing from one great abyss of creations glory.

Open our minds to hear Your voice speaking Peace This Day.
Born from one cosmic egg, we are one family to you.
Help us to learn forgiveness, kindness, tolerance,
greatness of mind and heart,
so that destroying all weapons of war,
burning all animosities and difference,
we may learn the Divine Harmony of Your Love.
Bestow the blissful smile of our sun and rain,
which is your Divine presence,
making peace grow in our hearts as seeds for a new era.
Birthing the song of non-violence which blesses our world with PEACE ETERNAL.

Sister Rosemarie...World Peace Day 2006

February 1, 2015
World Day for Consecrated Life

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Pope Francis has declared 2015 as the Year of Consecrated Life in the Universal Church. We give thanks and honor the women and men in consecrated life who have served and are serving here in our great Diocese of Rockville Centre.

The life of this local Church has been blessed through the mission and ministry of these dedicated women and men who are responding to God's call to each of them to follow Jesus as vowed religious. As religious, their commitment to a life of prayer, lived in community and expressed through their ministry in the Church, witnesses to their response to God's love for them. Their vowed commitment to God and service to the Church is a gift for all of us.

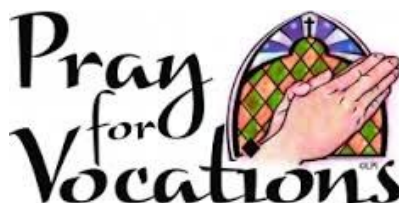
As we move through this Year of Consecrated Life I invite each of you to take whatever opportunities are presented to say "thanks" to the religious who are here in our Diocese, to remember them in your prayers and to pray that other generous young people respond to God's call to join them as religious sisters, brothers and priests.

I join my prayers with yours in thanksgiving for their lives of prayer and service and in petition that God will bless each of the religious who are part of our Diocese with gifts of grace, hope and peace as they witness to God's great love. I ask Mary, Mother of the Church, to continue to inspire each of them as they live a life of "Yes" to God's call.

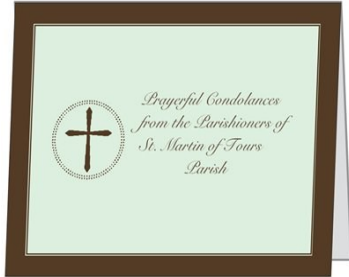
Faithfully yours in Christ,



Bishop of Rockville Centre



St. Clement's Bakers



Joanne Veltri, who is the coordinator of this baking ministry, came to me the other day and asked for more memorial cards. These are the cards we send, along with a freshly baked cake, to any family that is having a funeral in our parish. The cards have this message of consolation.



"In this time of sorrow and loss, the parishioners of St. Martin of Tours Parish offer you our prayers and condolences. May the Risen Jesus welcome your loved one into His loving arms and bless you in this difficult time. May our Blessed Mother comfort and strengthen you and all your family and friends."

I want to thank Joanne and all her bakers for their very dedicated ministry to those who have suffered a loss. God bless you for your caring ministry to those who are mourning. -- Father Pat

NOTES FROM THE MUSIC MINISTRY

HEY KIDS. DO YOU LIKE TO SING? COME JOIN OUR **CHILDREN'S CHOIR** AND HAVE FUN MAKING MUSIC WITH US! REHEARSALS ARE WEDNESDAYS AT 5:00 PM IN THE CHURCH AND WE SING AT THE 10:00 AM MASS ON SUNDAY.

WE ARE ALSO LOOKING FOR **ADULT SINGERS** AS WELL. (Ability to read music would be great). WE REHEARSE AN HOUR A WEEK ON THURSDAY NIGHTS AT 7:30 PM AND YOU HAVE THE CHOICE OF SINGING AT EITHER THE 8:30 AM OR 11:30 AM MASSES ON SUNDAY. High School/ College students welcome.

PLEASE CALL THE MUSIC OFFICE AT (516) 931-4573 FOR MORE INFO.

**** AS THE CONGREGATION, YOU MAY HAVE NOTICED THAT WE ARE SINGING SOME NEW SERVICE MUSIC AT SOME OF OUR MASSES. WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO SING ALONG WITH US. THE NEW MASS SETTING IS "MASS OF CHRIST THE SAVIOR" AND CAN BE FOUND IN THE HYMNAL BEGINNING ON PAGE 919. THE MASS SETTING SUNG AT THE 10 AM AND 5:30 PM MASSES ON SUNDAY IS NOT IN THE HYMNAL BUT WE ASK THAT YOU SING ALONG ANYWAY. ****

*"Through all the turmoil and the strife, I hear the music ringing.
It sounds and echoes in my soul, How can I keep from singing?"*

I went for dinner with a close friend and my sister shortly after Christmas. It is an annual tradition that the three of us enjoy. Somehow, my friend and I got into a debate about North Korea and the movie *The Interview* which ridicules the North Korean dictator Kim Jong-un. At the time, and the Sony Corporation later changed its decision, the movie was not going to be shown for fear of reprisals and terror attacks by the North Koreans. My friend's position was that it was a good decision because she did not want to see anyone get hurt. She wondered why such movies are made that cause such upheaval in the world. What was the point of them? Neither of us had the slightest interest in seeing the movie. However, I judged that Sony was giving into pressure from the North Koreans, and in some ways our freedom of speech was being threatened. After about ten minutes of strong debate, my sister reminded us it was Christmas and let's relax!

Recently our Pope spoke on the subject of the right to ridicule another's religion and faith in this way:

Pope Francis has said there are limits to the freedom of expression - and that anyone who swears at his mother deserves a punch. He said freedom of speech and expression are fundamental human rights however he added he believes there should be limits to offending and ridiculing the faiths and beliefs of others. By way of example, he referred to Alberto Gasparri, who organizes the Pope's trips and was standing by his side on board the papal plane. "If my good friend Dr Gasparri says a curse word against my mother, he can expect a punch," Francis said while pretending to throw a punch in his direction. He added: "It's normal. You cannot provoke. You cannot insult the faith of others. You cannot make fun of the faith of others." Many people around the world have defended the right of Charlie Hebdo to publish inflammatory cartoons of the Prophet Mohamed in the wake of the massacre at its Paris offices and the following attack on a kosher supermarket, in which three gunmen killed 17 people in total.

I love almost everything Pope Francis has been saying and doing since he was elected, but I must confess, this statement left me with much to think about as I considered it. I know in no way was the Holy Father suggesting violence toward another because of something they said is ever justified. He had strongly condemned the terror attack on the French cartoonists. Still, I am such a strong supporter of freedom of speech that it gave me pause. If we are not allowed to say certain things because they will offend others, then we are on a slippery slope. Perhaps speaking about Jesus would offend others. Should I not speak about him if it does? In the United States, we have always recognized limits to free speech: you cannot yell *Fire* in a movie theatre or make jokes about bombs at an airport. We do not have the right to make things up to libel another person's good name and reputation.

I have often mentioned that I cannot stand Bill Maher because he is so vicious to religions, especially Catholics. I can relate to the Pope about wanting to punch someone. I simply do not watch his show. However, I do not want his show shut down and I certainly do not want anyone to hurt him because of what he says. I deeply resented when the *New York Times* refused to put the Danish cartoons about Mohammed in the paper since they felt the cartoons were offensive, yet soon after posted an image of a picture of the Blessed Mother covered in elephant dung in the name of art! What hypocrites!

Perhaps, I need to rethink my position a bit. Blasphemy has always been considered a serious sin. The second commandment of God is not to take his name in vain. The love and charity that Jesus speaks to us about certainly applies to not deliberately offending others. Certainly, religious people take faith sacredly and it is offensive to attack what they treasure. I am not interested in verbally attacking other faith traditions. Still, I am troubled by being dictated to by a small group of Islamist terrorists. How do we respect the faiths of all people while still protecting the value of freedom of speech is not an easy question to answer.

I do know, as do most people of the world, violence is never an answer to this question. I know our world would be much better off if we respected one another's faith traditions. My hope is that we would respect them out of love and not out of fear of terroristic attacks. I pray our world can grow in respect for one another's beliefs and we can avoid hatred and violence in the name of religion.

Father Pat



St. Martin of Tours Annual International Night
Saturday February 21st
St. Alphonsus Hall @ 7:30 p.m.

This has become a fun tradition as parishioners share culinary delights from all over the world in honor of their ethnic heritage and in the name of good food. We have had Italian lasagna delights, Polish wonders, German sausages, French fries, America hot dogs, Spanish paella, Mexican tacos, Filipino adobo, and Irish soda bread.



Father Pat brings *Beers of the World* to the Party! Just bring a food, any food, but especially an ethnic food. (Dunkin Chocolate Donuts are considered an ethnic food!)

Please call the rectory office at 931 0818 and let us know what type of dish you will bring. As always this promises to be a fun night!

Update on the Capital Campaign

I want to thank you for your ongoing support of the parish capital campaign *Paving the Way For Christ*. A significant amount of the pledged money has already been received and you continue to be so very faithful to the pledges that you made. God bless you for your generosity! A few more pledges and donations have come in over the past couple of months so I am including an updated list of the donors.

- The roof of the school has been done. The building committee will continue to study the question of solar paneling to see if it is feasible and cost effective for the parish. You may have noticed a brick structure on the roof. This has nothing to do with the capital campaign. As you know, Father John Tizio, the previous pastor, in consultation with the pastoral and financial councils as well as the Diocese, signed a contract with Verizon, which permits them to use our school roof for a cell tower. We have been receiving a good rental fee for the last three years, and it is only now that Verizon is preparing to set up its tower.
- The brickwork on the school is progressing well, however more slowly than we anticipated. Some of this has to do with the window frames of the school which were damaged by the pressure of the bricks as they extended outward on the frames. With the cold weather, the process is further slowed. The diocesan facilities manager, as well as our own parish team, regularly inspect what is being done, and they tell me it is good work.
- The next big project is paving the parking lot. We are assessing the best time to do this. I originally thought July or August but some experts tell me that it should not be done at the height of the summer heat. We are still considering a time frame, but my hope is to have the parking lot completed by Christmas of 2015.
- Although it was not part of the capital campaign presentation, I asked the pastoral council if we could use some of the funds to pay for the cost to maintain the doors of the Church since, as you know, they slam very hard. We also continue to struggle with Church lighting. In order to replace any burned out bulbs, scaffolding must be used. I have been told that we will purchase bulbs which will last far longer. I do not anticipate that these items will be major expenses.
- Currently we are drawing up plans to do some renovations to the food pantry. We are also working on creating a meeting space in the back room of St. Alphonsus Hall. Both of these were projects listed under our campaign, and I believe neither will be overly expensive.
- It is my hope that when all these projects are completed, we will have sufficient funds to address the heating system in the school and the renovation of the school auditorium into a gymnasium (with the present low ceilings, there will be some limitations to what can be done).

Father Pat

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