

Masses For The Week

Monday - May 11

6:30 Nicoletta Mattariello
 9:00 Mother's Day Novena

Tuesday - May 12

6:30 Laurence, Rose & Edward Rasmussen
 9:00 Mother's Day Novena

Wednesday - May 13

6:30 Joseph Reali
 9:00 Mother's Day Novena
 7PM Arthur O'Neill - Vigil of the Ascension

Thursday - May 14 - Ascension of the Lord

6:30 Ann Zolnik
 9:00 Catherine, Madeline & Elizabeth Reilly
 12 Noon Hilma Jensen
 7PM Dorothy A. Kellermann

Friday - May 15

6:30 Lester Smith
 9:00 Mother's Day Novena

Saturday - May 16

9:00 Mother's Day Novena
 5:00 Thomas P. LaFalce, Sr.
 7:00 Madeline T. Stein

Sunday - May 17

7:00 The People of the Parish
 8:30 Helena Carroll
 10:00 Angelina Cilmi
 11:30 Rose Provenzano
 1:00 Cerise Feinman
 5:30 Frieda Yetti

Readings For The Week

Mon. Acts 16:11-15; John 15:26 - 16:4a
 Tues. Acts 16:22-34; John 16:5-11
 Wed. Acts 17:15, 22 - 18:1; John 16:12-15
 Thurs. Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23
 Mark 16:15-20
 Fri. Acts 18:9-18; John 16:20-23
 Sat. Acts 18:23-28; John 16:23b-28
Sun. Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26 Peter called the people together to choose a replacement for Judas Iscariot. Two men were nominated. After prayer, lots were drawn and the choice fell to Matthias.

1 John 4:11-16 John wrote, "If we love one another, God remains in us." For God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

John 17:11b-19 Jesus prayed to the Father to guard and protect the believers from the evil one: "I consecrate myself for them, so that they also may be consecrated in truth."

Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift

Amount Budgeted: \$17,500.00
Amount Received: May 2/3, 2015
Regular Collection: \$17,071.15

Thank you for your great generosity!

Reflection & Living Stewardship



Jesus' commandment is that His disciples love one another, even to the point of laying down their lives, if necessary. What gifts of myself - my skills and talents, my time and resources - will best demonstrate my love for God's people?

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who seek out new opportunities to share their gifts to serve others through parish ministries such as Pre-Cana and Baptismal Preparation.

Charismatic Prayer Group

Jesus, please take the wheel!

The slightest shift of the steering wheel can cause you to change lanes whether intentional or not. Same with us on our paths to God. Sometimes we don't even realize we've changed paths. Come in and get your wheels re-aligned.

Our next meeting is Monday, May 11th at 7:30 PM in the Church. Please 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

5/4/15	#490	Maureen Fackner	\$25
5/5/15	#466	M & S Bistany	\$25
5/6/15	#423	Mary Pat Goggin	\$25
5/7/15	#284	Felicia Devereaux	\$25
5/8/15	#55	Julius Fiorini	\$50



Third Banns

*Joseph Ferrigno & Elizabeth Liguori
Daniel Reano & Nicole Sullivan*

Second Banns

*Gregory Finlan & Deidre McGovern
Sean Gardner & Victoria Cobian*

First Banns

Joseph Hegmann & Kelly Bourgal



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

This week the Pantry is in need of cereals, carrots, tomato paste, coffee, hot chocolate, oil, sugar, juice boxes, Jell-O, pudding, brownies, laundry soap, dish soap, bar soap, tissues, paper towels, toilet paper and baby wipes.

During the month of April, we were able to serve 492 individuals from 99 families due to your generosity! Thank you so very much!

Parish Outreach Food Pantry:

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

Week of May 10 - May 16, 2015



Altar Bread & Wine

*In Loving Memory of
Julia & Fred Zoitke*

Week of May 10 - May 16, 2015

Sanctuary Candle

*In Loving Memory of
Ann Csajko*



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
Joseph Simon, Douglas Torres, James Robertson
Amy Hayes, Mom & Dad, Bill Kelly
Matthew Messina, Sharon Shiecko, Christopher Gratton
John Mitchell, Pat Cannata, Barbara Thompson
Donald Castor, Dorothy Quinn, Zachery Duff, Sam Zubov
Patricia Marrone, Mary Henson, Mary Lynn Brassil
Catherine Battiatia, Brendan Rodriguez, Rebecca Passaro
Dot Widyn, Annette Giuliano, Madeline Ciaravino
Nicole Cagna, Gary Vlahov, Christopher Wezel
Tom Schuerlein, Katie Walsh, Chris & Raymond Mirendia
Louise Sandberg, Florencio Carmenate, Anthony Luisi
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
Tommy Johnson, Harry & Louise Smith, Joseph Vareed
Grace Pastorello, Anna M. Bosco, Baby Daniel
Janet Medina, Kevin Henson, Marie Newman
Lee Berkowitz, The Mascia Family, Edward Brown
Ceil Hollander, Ann Mirto, Vicki Perri, Daniel Costa, Nikki
Eleanor Behrik, Hector Valentine, Theresa DuRoss
Bob Baciuska, Lorraine Dennon, Deacon Jim Biggin
Carol Ann Scudder, John Scudder, Thomas Napoli
Joan Spira, Gerald Campbell, Vincent Esposito, Terry Hall
Joe Bauer, Catherine A. McCarthy, Paul Granberg
James Fanning, Antoinette Diana
Little Sonny D'Ambrosio, Joann Sescila, Elsa Ryan
Sarah Messina, Michael Arato, William Martuge
Deacon Jose Roa, Elizabeth Ryan, Steven Roberts, Jr.
Ken Mannion, Jo Ryan, Linda Malone Peters Family
Christine Chiarappa, Michael Kott, Jr., Connie Burgess
Dolores Miller, Susan Carroll-Goyan, Carol Episcopio
Cathy Rusch, Robert Armento, Samantha McNeil
Patty & Tom Turano, Antonia Binetti

Rest in Peace

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

***Patrick M. Hanrahan, Raymond H. Lohman
Salvatore Scarpinito, Julius F. Einemann***

The Pastor's Letter

We have eight Masses at St. Martin's. I have a sense each Mass has its own flavor and style. Although some parishioners attend a variety of Masses, I do find many of us have a favorite Mass we regularly attend. Over time, we may come to recognize the same faces nearby, since most of us sit in the same pews. However, I think it rather rare when we introduce ourselves to someone before or after Mass. All of this is perfectly normal and the ways the vast majority of parishes function. Don't be concerned like Elaine Benes, in an episode of *Seinfeld*, who convinced Lloyd Braun, a key adviser to a mayoral candidate, that everyone in New York City should wear nametags. I sometimes think that everyone **should** wear nametags since I wish I knew everybody's name. Especially since I have been here almost four years, it is embarrassing to ask a person his or her name.

What does strike me though is that many of us, some who have been in the parish many years, do not know other parishioners who have been here an equally long time. This is not from any sense of unfriendliness since we are a very welcoming group of people. Rather, I think it may simply be many of us do not cross paths unless we are on a particular committee or know each other from the neighborhood or our children's schools. This is not a major issue for us, but I think it is good for us to seek to occasionally come together as a larger group of people to interact on our faith life in the parish. This feeling was the background of our first parish assembly held last year. More than 200 people came to share a morning together of faith, prayer, food, and reflection of our parish. I think most parishioners experienced this as a wonderful gathering.

So on May 16th, we will hold our **second** annual parish assembly. We ask those who can to attend the 9:00 a.m. Mass that morning since the Mass is a very key part of our assembly. It is fine if you can only attend the mass and not the rest of the morning activities. If you cannot make the Mass, but are free later in the morning to attend the sessions that is also fine. All teenagers and adults are welcome.

There will be a presentation on the Gospel of Jesus on the road to Emmaus where the two disciples recognize Jesus in the breaking of the bread. After the presentation, there will be a brief time for some reflection on what we heard. The rest of the time, before lunch, will be centered on some reflection on our parish - where we are and what we might like to set as some goals for the future. The assembly ends with lunch and the day finishes at approximately 12:30 p.m.

If you are a person who likes to share your ideas with others, you are most welcome. If you a person who likes to sit and listen and not share with others, please come. If you are a person who is involved in many of the ministries of the parish, this is for you. If you are a person who is not involved in ministry at the parish, you are invited to attend. **All are welcome!** I promise if you do not like the experience of the assembly, I will double your refund for what you paid. I make this promise because I do believe you will enjoy the day and there is no cost to attend so it is easy to double zero. We do need to know if you are coming to the assembly since we have to know how much food to purchase (steaks from *Peter Lugar's* have been suggested)! There will be cards available at Masses this weekend for you to let us know how many will attend from your family. It will be a joy to break bread together since we know Jesus has told us that *wherever two or three gather in his name, He is with us.*

Father Patrick Woods CSSR
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*May Crowning of
Our Blessed Mother
Sunday, May 31, 2015
10:00a.m. Mass*

Please join us at our Annual May Crowning of Our Blessed Mother.

All **First Holy Communion children** are invited to participate in the procession wearing their Communion attire.

"You Are Our Honored Guests!"

There will be reserved seating for them and their families.

Following Mass, we will be processing from the Church to the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes where we will crown her statue. There will be vases on the bench for the flowers that will be given to the Blessed Mother. Also wind spinners will be put into the ground all around her statue to show joy and happiness.

For any information, please feel free to call
Louise Smith
at 735-1375.

WHAT THE HEC DID WE DO THIS TIME?

Yep, we did it again! And it was just as much fun and rewarding as the first time. For the fourth year in a row, Kathy and I spent 4 days out in the Franciscan's "Camp Alvernia" in Centerport serving as "buddies" for **thirty** of the Lord's "little ones" on the **Handicapped Encounter Christ Retreat # 31**, viz., "**HEC**." Based upon the structure and spirit of the Catholic **Cursillo**, which we attended 40 years ago, the "**HEC**" Retreat, celebrating its 31st year this time after Easter Sunday, shares quite a few similarities to that powerful spiritual experience. But there are also some significant differences. For example, on **HEC** Retreat, a "candidate" (as they are called) may be chosen to attend year after year. **Cursillo** is a one-time event per life. More significantly is the fact that the "candidates" or "buddies" chosen to come are affected by a wide range of disabilities like M.S., ALS, development, intellectual and autistic spectrum disorders, traumatic brain injuries, to para/quadruplegic challenges. Regardless of their difficulties, however, these beautiful folks are all open at some level to growing in friendship with Jesus and our Heavenly Father. This is so evident because the Spirit of Love is demonstrated and almost palpable day & night.



Admittedly it's a long and very active Thursday through Sunday event and honestly - at times - my ingrained self-centered tendencies (but never my wife's) tempts me with invasive promptings to make this weekend my last. One reason for this I guess is the **HEC** weekend is a lot of "work" (which I am allergic to since I'm retired). So **HEC** is not for the lazy or solitude-craving contemplative. And contingent upon the degree of personal challenge affecting one's assigned "buddy," the commitment of time, individual attention and care required can be taxing. But it is certainly not without emotional and deeply felt spiritual consolations. Permit me to share a significant one occurring for me this time around:

I was a "buddy" to a 37 year old deeply happy, but intellectually challenged man from birth who followed me around the weekend like a lamb to a shepherd. Each day at Mass he would hand me the songbook and watch my mouth form the words to liturgical songs and lip-sync with me. Peter was unable to read or write but he did his very best to act as-if. On Saturday afternoon one of the attending priests would hear confessions. I got on line with several of the candidates who chatted like they were going to a ballgame and with staff as well so we could in and "clean house" so to speak. We awaited sharing the sacrament with a joyful "priest of the people" by the name of Father Bill. Apparently Peter had been looking for me. So he animatedly walked up just before my turn and asked me what I was doing. I said, "*I'm going to confession.*" "*What does that mean?*" he asked. I inquired if he ever received this sacrament and he said he did not. I then asked if he was a baptized Catholic and he said most emphatically, "**YES!**" Next, I probably violated a host of catechetical Church rules by saying, "*Peter, get on line with me. You are going to confession!*" I told him to tell Father Bill it was his first confession. The door opened and Father Bill greeted him and in went Peter. Five minutes later he was led out with a hug from this gentle priest. Peter's face lit up like he was just coming down with his namesake St. Peter, James & John from the Mount of Transfiguration. I was last to go and when I walked in I said to a smiling Father Bill, "they saved the worst till last." When I came out he beamed telling me that Father Bill asked him a couple of questions, talked to him about the Mets & Yankees (N.B. Peter had a Yankee shirt on), and prayed "*on my head.*"

Next all the team companions and our "buddies" assembled in the chapel for Mass. As I sat quietly next to Peter, I felt the urge to turn and look at him. I followed the prompt and saw for the first time a "pure, undefiled lamb who most assuredly never committed a sin in his whole life." Then I looked around the room and saw the same thing among all 30 of those smiling candidates. The thought struck me, "Not one willful harm did any one of them commit against anyone their whole lives!" Tears came to my eyes as I realized that Kathy and I, and the other 38 or so team "companions" were among saints. With tearful eyes I silently gave thanks to God for this great blessing. It was another "**HEC**" of a weekend! **SMT Parishioners, Kathy & Jim Devine (jimmydin43@gmail.com)**



Mother's Day Prayer

by Gaynell Bordes Cronin

I love you, Mom. I love your aliveness,
your joy in living, your understanding, your giving.
And what I love best of all is that you love me.
God of all Mothers, thank you for my mom!

A Prayer for all who show us a Mother's Love

Heavenly Father, you grace our lives with love in so many ways. On this Mother's Day, we thank you for all the women of our lives, our mothers, our sisters, our grandparents, godmothers, aunts, cousins, and friends who give us a glimpse of the unconditional love that you have for us. We thank you for giving our lives with these wonderful women of faith and ask you to bless them all the days of their lives. Amen

A Prayer for a Deceased Mother

Dear Lord, I thank you for the gift of my mother; she gave me life, nurtured and guided me, and loved me all the days of her life. The countless sacrifices that she made me for me are known to you alone. I know that she lives with you now in the kingdom of your love and that she continues to watch over and love me all the days of my life. Help me to live well the lessons of faith and love that she taught me in life. I bring this prayer to the Father in your name through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen

This a favorite sentimental Irish balled of mine about a mother's love:

A Mothers Love's A Blessing

An Irish boy was leaving, Leaving his native home,
Crossing the broad Atlantic, Once more he wished to roam,
And as he was leaving his mother, Who was standing on the quay,
She threw her arms around his waist, And this to him did say,

Chorus:

A mother's love's a blessing, No matter where you roam,
Keep her while she's living, You'll miss her when she's gone,
Love her as in childhood, Though feeble, old and grey,
For you'll never miss a mother's love, Till she's buried beneath the clay.

And as the years go onwards, I'll settle down in life,
And choose a nice young colleen, and take her for my wife,
And as the babes grow older, and climb around my knee,
I'll teach them the very same lesson, that my mother taught to me.



LUKE'S YOUNG ARTIST ACADEMY

Give students grades 1 to 11 the opportunity to discover their talents through different levels of media (pottery, hand building, drawing, painting, water color, acrylic, scratch board and print making). Individual attention can be given to those students who have specific artistic interests.



Morning classes are taught by the very talented George Lucas, a graduate with honors from Hofstra University and runs from **June 30 to July 23 at St. Martin of Tours in the School Building, Bethpage. The fee is \$225 for eight one and one half hour sessions.** All materials and instruction included. For further information and registration, please call (516) 448-4059 or email lukesartacademy@aol.com.

Dear SMT Book Club Friends,

It was wonderful to share with familiar and new faces at our last meeting. Popular vote chose **A Spool of Blue Thread**, the complete title, **by Anne Tyler** as our next book. Thanks so very much for your timely consideration for our new read. **Our meeting will be on a Friday, June 19, at 7:30PM in Saint Alphonsus Hall.** The book does not need to be completed to attend the meeting.

Your participation makes our meetings heartfelt, informative and fun. At each meeting, we gather as a community of believers in Christ. We discover support and insight about our opinions and concerns regarding what we read and experience. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Ann Mele at ann111647@netscape.net or phone 516 -330-3039.

Till then, happy reading!
 Father Patrick Woods & Ann Mele

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Youth Ministry Adoration
 Tuesday, May 12th at 7:00 PM
 in the Church.
 Everyone is welcome!



To donate furniture:
 St. Vincent de Paul
 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**

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

LET US PRAY: Mary, on this day when we honor all mothers, we turn to you. We thank the Lord whom you serve for the great gift of Motherhood. Never has it been known that anyone who sought your intercession was left unaided by grace. Dear Mother, thank you for your YES to the invitation of the angel which brought heaven to earth and changed human history. You opened yourself to God's Word and the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.

On this Mother's Day, Mother of the Word Incarnate, pray for us who have recourse to you. In the Name of the Father, the So and the Holy Spirit.

May we pray for all of our Mothers.

On Mothers who are alone

On Mothers unemployed

On young Mothers who are afraid

On Mothers who are in pain

On Mothers who are abusive

On Mothers addicted.

For our Grandmothers and Great-Grandmothers

For our Adoptive Mothers,

For our Step-Mothers

For all who have nurtured us, supported us, been there for us when we reached out.

For our aging Mothers,

For our ailing Mothers

For those who have died.

So, on this Mother's Day, may we take time to remember all of what our Mothers have been to us. May we thank her for the life she has given us. For her love, and just being, Mom.



**10th Annual Life Center Baby Shower
Weekend of May 16th and 17th at all 8 masses**

The Life Center of Long Island celebrates and thanks the Parish of St. Martin of Tours for your generosity. Every item you donate gives each baby born the necessities of clothing, diapers, and everything else it takes to care for a newborn.

Our Wish List:

Diapers, newborn items for a layette, monitors, breast pumps, bottles, thermometers, crocheted blankets, baby hats and booties, baths, baby food, formula, Q-Tips, Vaseline, baby powder, carry bags, crib sheets, bassinet sheets, doorway gates, baby wipes, clothing for 0-3 months, 3-6 months, 6-9 months and all sizes up to toddler 4.

Slightly used and must be under 5 years old: car seats, cribs that convert to beds, swings, jumper seats, porta-cribs, dressing tables, mattress and bumpers, comforters, strollers, baby carriers.

The Life Center is no longer taking toys due to needed space for the above items. For ten years you have reached out. Thank you and God bless!

**The Respect Life Committee will be presenting an “End of Life” seminar
on Saturday, June 6th at 10AM in St. Alphonsus Hall.**

We cordially invite all those interested in information concerning end of life issues. Anyone who might be a caretaker, daughter, son or another relative or anyone that is a healthcare proxy, might want to sit in on the information that will be available. Father Henry Sattler, CSSR will be opening the seminar with information on Church teachings.

Dr. Lisa Honkanan, Doctor of Geriatrics and associated with Good Samaritan Hospital and on the Board of Directors at the Life Center, will be speaking on this important subject. Dr. Honkanan will be available to answer any of your questions.

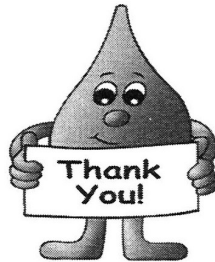
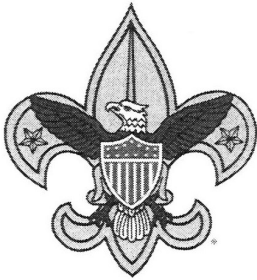
There will also be a representative from a local funeral home and another from St. Charles Cemetery. A short film will be shown on NOW, AND AT THE END OF LIFE. Healthcare proxy forms will be available along with pamphlets and flyers with information.

Please come and bring someone who you would like to represent you and your wishes at the end of life. Also welcome are those who might have the responsibility for someone coming to life's end. People from other parishes or anyone interested are most welcome!

Boy Scout Patrick Harten

BSA Troop 604

Blood Drive



Sunday, May 17th, 2015

9am - 3pm

American Legion Hall
10 Washington Street
Bethpage, NY 11714

Your donation will help to save up to **THREE** lives. Our community hospitals need your help. Please share this lifesaving gift!

Thank you for caring!

Eligibility Criteria:

- Bring ID with signature or photo.
- Minimum weight 110 lbs.
- Age 16 - 75 (16 year olds must have parental permission. Age 76 and over need doctor's note)
- Eat well (low fat) & drink fluids
- No tattoos for past 12 months

For questions concerning medical eligibility call 1-800-688-0900.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, please contact:

Patrick Harten @ pharten@optonline.net or (516)932-3722

 **New York** Blood Center

THIS WEEKEND, MAY 9th & 10th, St. Martin of Tours Youth Ministry will be holding its annual Mother's Day Carnation sale after ALL Masses. We thank you for your support and generosity!



There is **NO** Life Night this Sunday following the 5:30PM Mass. Happy Mother's Day!!

Upcoming Events

- 5/12: Youth Ministry Adoration in the Church 7 - 8PM
 5/17: Life Night from 7 - 8:30PM in the OLPH Youth Room
 5/24: NO Life Night - Happy Memorial Day!



Edge meets on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays of each month in the OLPH Youth Center from 7-8:30pm. All Middle School youth are welcome!

Upcoming Events

- 5/14: Edge Night 7-8:30PM in the OLPH Youth Room
 5/28: Edge Night 7-8:30PM in the OLPH Youth Room
 6/11: Edge Night 7-8:30PM in the 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 Office Phone: (516) 870-5669.



YOUTH MINISTRY CARNATION SALE

T O D A Y!!

Remember Mom on Mothers Day!



The SMT Youth Ministry will be set up in the Gathering Area of the Church during ***all*** weekend masses, May 9th and 10th for our annual Mothers Day Carnation Sale.

Sale Price

1 for \$2.00

3 for \$5.00

**Nepal Earthquake: The following was taken from
the Diocese of Rockville Centre Website's Home Page (drvc.org)**

Baltimore, Maryland, April 27, 2015 – Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is launching a major relief effort in response to the devastating earthquake that struck Nepal on Saturday, April 24. A CRS team is on the ground in Kathmandu, the capital city and one of the most affected areas, and our local partner Caritas Nepal has started distributing food and shelter.

The initial targets of CRS aid will be the thousands in need of shelter. Many buildings were destroyed or damaged in the 7.8 magnitude quake, and continuing aftershocks are causing widespread fear of sleeping inside of even intact buildings. Catholic Relief Services has made an initial commitment of \$825,000 to relief efforts in Nepal, a figure that is expected to rise as the needs become clearer. The official death toll is approaching 4,000 – with thousands more injured -- but few outlying villages have been reached and widespread destruction, especially in hillside settlements, is feared.

To Donate by Mail:

Mail checks to
P.O. Box 17090
Baltimore, MD 21297-0303
Please write "Nepal Earthquake" on the memo line

To Donate Online: donate.crs.org/Nepal

To Donate by Phone:

Call 877-HelpCRS to make a credit card donation to CRS over the phone.

Catholic Relief Services is the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States. The agency alleviates suffering and provides assistance to people in



need in more than 100 countries, without regard to race, religion or nationality. CRS' relief and development work is accomplished through programs of emergency response, HIV, health, agriculture, education, microfinance and peacebuilding.

For more information, visit www.crs.org or www.crsespanol.org and follow Catholic Relief Services on social media: [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) at [@CatholicRelief](#) and [@CRSnews](#), [Google+](#), [Pinterest](#) and [YouTube](#).

Something is brewing...

SMT COFFEE HOUSE NIGHT

**SAINT ALPHONSUS
HALL**

FRIDAY MAY 29TH

and/or

FRIDAY JUNE 5TH

7:30 PM BOTH NIGHTS



Presented by Saint Martin of Tours Music Ministry

Mellow music from the Sixties to Present

In a relaxed coffee house setting.

Featuring select vocalists and instrumentalists.

PLEASE SEND RESERVATION REQUEST TO

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SUGGESTED DONATION - \$5 AT THE DOOR



WE ARE OFFERING TWO NIGHTS.

SPACE IS LIMITED. OPEN SEATING.

Update on the Capital Campaign Paving the Way for Christ

I again thank all of you who have been able to participate in our parish capital campaign *Paving the Way for Christ*. The ongoing commitment to what you pledged has been wonderful. As you know, the work on the school in terms of the bricks and roof has been finished. We started with that since we did not want the heavy machines used to affect the parking lot after it had just been paved.

Now, we are moving ahead to the parking lot paving which I am sure you are all eager to see done. We have hired an engineer to study our parking lot thoroughly in order to assess exactly what needs to be done. There is concern about the wells that contain the water and how they are functioning. The building committee has informed the engineer that we do not want any kind of patch job; we really want to get at the roots of why we have had to pave the parking so often. He is in agreement with this idea. It is most likely that the entire lot will be torn up and replaced with an entirely new paved lot. We hope the engineering phase will be done no later than June.

We then will place the plans out to bid. Once we have approved a bid, we will begin the project at the most feasible time. I have been told that the paving would be done in two time frames so we do not lose all our parking at once. The engineer thinks we could get this work completed in two or three weeks. I am hoping that it be finished by the end of September and no later than Thanksgiving. I have learned that Murphy's law often takes place and things do not go according to plan, and Murphy was an optimist!

As you can see, the brick staircase entrance to our church on Central Avenue has had some serious damage. We are in the process of getting that repaired. This will be a bigger job than expected (I told you about Murphy's law) since we have decided to take out all the bricks and replace them with blue stone slabs, similar to the entrance to the school. I loved the bricks as it gave our church a lovely kind of colonial feel, but the advice to me was the bricks are very difficult to maintain and the repair would be very costly. We are also presently evaluating all our brick stairs. The construction company feels they are in good shape.

I am also happy to report the building called 208, where we have our food pantry, has had excellent interior renovations which helps the food pantry program function even more efficiently. I plan on eventually having a ceremony to name the building *The Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta Parish Outreach Center* since I think that is a more inspiring name than "208" and it captures the spirit of love and concern of Blessed Mother Teresa who so lived these values.

New York State Citizen Preparedness Corp.

New York National Guard troops, working with experts from the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) and local emergency management personnel, are holding classes throughout the state.

The program was designed by DHSES and covers a broad range of emergency preparedness topics, like developing a family emergency plan, stocking up on emergency supplies, and registering for NY-Alert, the free statewide emergency alert system. Participants will receive a training certificate and a wallet-sized "Z-Card" with emergency preparedness information.

St. Martin of Tours Parish has been given this opportunity to have a training course presented by Captain Rafael Castillo and Captain Stephen Totter. Please take advantage of this event scheduled as follows:

Saturday, June 27th
9:30AM to approximately 11:00AM
St. Alphonsus Parish Hall

Please contact the rectory at 931-0818 to let us know how many will attend. For more information regarding this program, you can visit www.prepare.ny.gov.

TO THE PARISHIONERS OF SAINT MARTIN OF TOURS

Thank you to my many new and long-standing friends for your birthday cards and letters in helping me to celebrate my 60th birthday!

I sincerely appreciate all the thoughtfulness which made it a memorable day! - Ed Flynn

Thank you!


PLEASE PRAY CONSTANTLY FOR THOSE SERVING IN OUR MILITARY



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
 CPT Erika Holownia, US Army
 PO3 Matthew Sadecki, USCG
 SGT Zachary John Sheehy, USMC
 PVT Travis Ruggiero, US Army
 L CPL Dennis Diesel, USMC
 L CPL James Kruper, USMC
 PFC Matthew P. Sirianni, US Army
 CPT Conor B. Murphy, USMC
 1LT Victoria Meyer, US Army Nurse Corp
 PO1 John Paul Pedalino II, US Navy
 CPT Thomas P. Shea, USAF
 SGT Michael John Kelly, USMC
 1LT Brian McGrath, US Army
 SPC Matthew Castellano, US Army
 PFC Michael Patrick Murphy, US Army
 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, US Navy
 PO3 Joshua Zimmerman, US Navy
 MAJ Brendan McEvoy, US Army
 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
 2LT Samantha Lopez, US Navy

Diocese of Rockville Centre Office of Faith Formation

CATHOLIC GRAND PARENTING - AIN'T WHAT IT USED TO BE

- *What do grandparents do to pass on faith in the family?*
- *What are some of the new challenges that families face that affect grandparents?*
- *How has being a grandparent today changed from the way you remember your grandparents?*

PRESENTERS: JOHN & ARLENE VOSILLA

John and Arlene are grandparents of four children. They are active parishioners of St. Raphael’s Parish in East Meadow. Arlene, now retired, served as Director of Religious Education and is currently a Trustee of the Parish. John retired after 31 years with Grumman and Northrop Grumman working in public affairs. John is an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion at St. Raphael’s. Together they coordinate the RCIA program in their parish.

Date: Thursday, May 21, 2015
Time: 7:00 - 8:30PM
Cost: \$10 per person
Location: Our Lady of Lourdes Parish
 455 Hunter Avenue, West Islip
 Parish Center

For further information please contact Kathy Logan at the Diocese at (516) 678-5800 ext. 236 Register online at www.drvc-faith.org

Register online at www.drvc-faith.org or forward the completed registration form below along with a check payable to “Office of Faith Formation.” Mail to Debbie Coyne, Office of Faith Formation, Diocese of Rockville Centre, P.O. Box 9023, Rockville Centre NY 11571

Name _____ Parish _____

Address _____ Town _____

Phone _____ email _____

Fee Amount at \$10 per person _____

**SACRED HEART ACADEMY
47 Cathedral Avenue, Hempstead NY 11550**

**Catholic High School Entrance Exam Prep Course
August 24-28, 2015**

September 12, and October 17, 2015

**Cost: \$200 which includes all materials. Two sessions are available.
For information and applications, please call (516) 483-7383 ext. 249**

**In addition, Sacred Heart Academy is offering a PSAT review course
for any student entering his or her Junior year in September 2015.**

Sacred Heart Academy PSAT Review Course

August 17-21, 2015, September 12 and September 26, 2015

**Cost: \$200 which includes all materials. Students must bring their own calculators.
Two sessions are available. For information and applications, please call (516) 483-7383 ext. 249**

FOR HELP IN A CRISIS PREGNANCY

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

***ROSELINE, LIFE CENTER 24 HOURS,
RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT
(631) 243-2373.***

**Baby Safe Haven, Safe Babies
Safe Place at 1 (877) 796-HOPE
Adoption, Foster Care, Maternity Services**

Catholic Home Bureau 1(800) 592-4357

**NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE
1-800-4-Child or 1-800-422-4453**

Save the Dates

As we have done the last two summers, we will have a week of summer Bible camp for children between the ages of 5-13 during week of **August 10th through 14th**. There is a session in the morning for the younger children (ages 5-8) that goes from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and a session for the older children (ages 9-13) in the evening from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The camp is combination of Bible study, arts and crafts, music and fun. The children have enjoyed the camp very much. The cost is \$25.00 for one child and \$15.00 for each additional child from the same family. More information and the announcement times for registration will be forthcoming.



Retrouvaille helps couples through all types of difficult times in their marriage. The next weekend begins on Friday, May 29th. Please call 1-800-470-2230 or go on their website at www.retrouvaille.org to register for the weekend or to speak directly and confidentially to a couple from Long Island/Metro Retrouvaille who can help.

This may be the most enlightening and blessed weekend of your marriage.



Chemical Dependence Services Much is at stake for those struggling to break the cycle of chemical dependence. Catholic Charities supports people struggling to reclaim their lives through all stages of the recovery process. All Catholic Charities chemical dependence services are Tobacco Free in accordance with NYS OASAS regulation Part 856.

Talbot House Chemical Dependence Crisis Center Talbot House is a 24-hour voluntary chemical dependence crisis center licensed by the New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS) to provide short-term medically monitored inpatient withdrawal services to adult men and women who are in crisis. This facility provides nourishing meals, counseling, limited transportation, support groups, and referrals.

Outpatient Clinics Outpatient clinics help people in recovery maintain sobriety and live independently and productively. Services include individual and group counseling; groups for early sobriety; DWI/mandated and aftercare; educational programs; crisis intervention; psychiatric services; medical evaluations; and referrals. The program also serves spouses, adolescents, significant others, co-dependents, and adult children of alcoholics (ACOA). Our clinics provide counseling services in Spanish.

Eligibility and Fees Programs serve people 18 years of age and older. Sliding scale fees, Medicaid, Medicare, and other third-party insurance accepted.

Locations & Hours

Catholic Charities Outpatient Clinic

155 Indian Head Road, Commack, NY 11725

Telephone: 631-543-6200

Fax: 631-543-6203

Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Friday, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Catholic Charities Outpatient Clinic at Hampton Bays

P.O. Box 758, Hampton Bays, NY 11946

Telephone: 631-723-3362

Fax: 631-723-3365

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Tuesday 9:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Catholic Charities Talbot House

30-C Carlough Road, Bohemia, NY 11716

Telephone: 631-589-4144

Fax: 631-589-3281

24 hours, 7 days

**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>

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 10th.

Mother's Day cards and envelopes can be found in the gathering area of the church as well as in the rectory office.

Widows and Widowers, Divorced & Single Catholics of Long Island

39th Year - Nassau County Chapter Number 1,
P.O. Box 2031

New Member Orientation/Non-Denominational

Tuesday, May 26, 2015 @ 8PM

Meeting is every fourth Tuesday at
St. Frances de Chantal School
1309 Wantagh Avenue, Wantagh

Please bring proof of single status to join - refreshments after meeting

Call Carol at (516) 794-4933 or Barbara at (516) 798-2858 for more information.

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.



Volunteers Needed:

Catholic Charities in Hicksville is seeking volunteers to assist with our Central Information & Referral Phone Line. Volunteers will answer calls and secure specific information for a return call from the Parish Social Ministry Program.

We seek calm and compassionate people with good computer skills. Training will be provided. If you are interested and available for this opportunity, please contact Mary Ellen Kwiecinski, Volunteer & Intern Coordinator at (516) 733-7044. Your time and talent will be greatly appreciated.

**Diocese of Rockville Centre
Office of Human Resources
JOB POSTINGS**

SECRETARY

Summary of Position: Experienced secretary to work 35 hours a week, with strong organizational, communication (written and verbal), secretarial and clerical skills to provide services for the Western Vicariate.

Position Requirements: High school graduate, business school graduate preferred. Comfortable with using Outlook, Word (typing 40+ wpm), Excel and Publisher. Ability to work collaboratively in communication with other diocesan agencies on major office projects. A background in parish ministries is helpful.

PART-TIME BOOKKEEPER

The Diocese of Rockville Centre seeks a professional, full-charge bookkeeper to work with select parishes within Nassau County. Position requires an experienced bookkeeper who has the knowledge of computerized accounting systems, bank reconciliations and account analyses. Proficiency in Excel and Word required.

PART-TIME BOOKKEEPER

The Diocese of Rockville Centre seeks a professional, full-charge bookkeeper to work with select parishes within Suffolk County. Position requires an experienced bookkeeper who has the knowledge of computerized accounting systems, bank reconciliations and account analyses. Proficiency in Excel and Word required.

How to Apply:

Send resume and salary requirements to:

**Office of Human Resources
Diocese of Rockville Centre
PO Box 9023, Rockville Centre NY 11571-9023
Fax: (516) 678-9566
Email: HR@DRVC.org**

Thursday, May 14th is the **Ascension of the Lord**, a holy day of obligation. The rectory office will be closed in observance. The schedule of masses are as follows:

Wednesday evening, May 13th @ 7PM
Mass of the Vigil of the Ascension of the Lord

Thursday, May 14th @ 6:30 & 9AM, 12 Noon & 7PM
Mass of the Ascension of the Lord

SAVE THESE DATES

May 16th: Parish Assembly: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
 Mass followed by conference, discussion and lunch.
Theme: Meeting Jesus in the Breaking of the Bread.

June 7th: Corpus Christi Procession after the 5:30 p.m. Sunday Mass

June 14th: Father Pat's 40th anniversary celebration of his ordination.
 1:00 p.m. Mass with luncheon to follow.
 All are welcome. More details to come.

September 4-6th: Summer Retreat at San Alfonso Retreat House
 Long Branch, New Jersey - 6:00 p.m. on Friday to Sunday at 1:00 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 9/10: Youth Ministry's Mothers Day Carnation Sale
- May 11: Charismatic Prayer Group 7:30PM Church
- May 12: Youth Ministry Adoration 7PM Church
- May 13: Vigil of the Ascension of the Lord 7PM Mass Church
- May 14: The Ascension of the Lord 6:30, 9AM; Noon & 7PM Masses Church
- May 14: Rectory Office Closed in observance of the Ascension of the Lord
- May 16: Parish Assembly Mass at 9AM; Assembly in School Auditorium to follow
- May 16/17: Life Center Baby Shower - Gathering Area after all 8 masses
- May 23: Gardening Committee Meeting 10AM St. Alphonsus Hall
- May 24: ADULT CONFIRMATION (Mass time to be determined)
- May 29: SMT Coffee House Night 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- June 5: SMT Coffee House Night 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- June 6: Respect Life Ministry's End of Life Seminar 10AM St. Alphonsus Hall
- June 7: Corpus Christi Procession after 5:30PM Mass
- June 14: Father Pat's 40th Jubilee Mass 1PM Reception to follow
- June 19: SMT Book Club 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- June 27: Emergency Preparedness Presentation 9:30 - 11:30AM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Sept 4-6: Summer Retreat at San Alfonso Retreat House, Long Branch NJ