

Masses For The Week

Monday - May 25 - Memorial Day

NO 6:30AM MASS

9:00 For Our Deceased War Veterans

Tuesday - May 26

6:30 Arthur & Anna Morrissey

9:00 Ann Commasso

Wednesday - May 27

6:30 Anthony & Lucy Rose Masino

9:00 George Spindler, Anniversary

Thursday - May 28

6:30 Cynthia Theresa Grazie

9:00 Patsy Carni

Friday - May 29

6:30 Josephine T. D'Ambrise

9:00 Ines Zerbini

Saturday - May 30

9:00 INTENTIONS ANNOUNCED AT MASS

5:00 Margaret McCabe & Family

7:00 Joseph P. & Joseph Jude Flood

Sunday - May 31

7:00 The People of the Parish

8:30 Josephine T. D'Ambrise

10:00 Paula Pfeffer

11:30 Salvatore & Maria Accardi

1:00 Jarrad Kolb

5:30 Mary Collins

Readings For The Week

Mon. Sirach 17:20-24; Mark 10:17-27

Tues. Sirach 35:1-12; Mark 10:28-31

Wed. Sirach 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17; Mark 10:32-45

Thurs. Sirach 42:15-25; Mark 10:46-52

Fri. Sirach 44:1, 9-13; Mark 11:11-26

Sat. Sirach 51:12cd-20; Mark 11:27-33

Sun. Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40 *Know this: The Lord is God of heaven and earth. There is no other. Because God worked wonders for you, keep the commands that you and your children may prosper.*

Romans 8:14-17 *You did not receive a spirit of slavery but a Spirit of adoption, through whom we cry out "Abba, Father!" The Spirit bears witness that we are children of God.*

Matthew 28:16-20 *Jesus commissioned the eleven to make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.*

Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift

Amount Budgeted: \$17,500.00

Amount Received: May 16/17, 2015

Regular Collection: \$15,509.09

Thank you for your great generosity!

Reflection & Living Stewardship

St. Paul reminds us today that all of our gifts have their source in the Holy Spirit and that those gifts are given "for the common good." What gifts are mine to share?

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who share their God-given gifts and talents through our parish ministries and community organizations, intent on serving our brothers and sisters in need.



Charismatic Prayer Group

It's interesting that the Holy Spirit is depicted both as a dove and as fire. The dove is so gentle and fire so powerful; and the Holy Spirit is both!

The gentleness and power of Jesus continues to be with us! Alleluia!

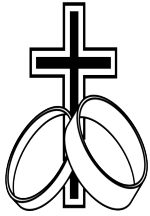
Our next meeting is Monday, June 1st at 7:30 PM in the Church. Please call (516) 993-9672 for prayer requests or more information.

HOP Club

5/18/15 #164	Margaret Pigott	\$25
5/19/15 #14	Jim & Nancy Waters	\$25
5/20/15 #121	Karin McTigue	\$25
5/21/15 #416	Louise Kenton	\$25
5/22/15 #217	Adrienne Dane	\$50



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



Third Banns
Joseph Hegmann & Kelly Bourgal

First Banns
Lukasz Pionski & Marilyn Busgit



*“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, carrots, tomato paste, lentils, baked beans, Chef Boyardee canned pastas, chicken soup, mayonnaise, oil, hot chocolate mix, sugar, boxed milk, napkins, laundry soap, baby wipes and shampoo.

Thank you for all you do for those in need.

Parish Outreach Food Pantry:

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



**Come Holy Spirit
 enter the hearts of your faithful
 and kindle in them the fire of your love.**



Week of May 24 - May 30, 2015

Altar Bread & Wine

*In Loving Memory of
 Esther Omage*

Week of May 24 - May 30, 2015

*Sanctuary Candle
 In Loving Memory of
 Paul Fidnarick*



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 Battiata, 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, Rose Kuhn

Rest in Peace

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

Paul R. Schatzel

The Pastor's Letter

It takes a lot of *chutzpah* to throw a party for oneself. Since I do not lack in that particular virtue, I am marking my fortieth year as a Redemptorist priest on June 14th at the 1:00 p.m. Mass. The Mass will be followed by a luncheon in the parish auditorium. Many priests have a great celebration for the 25th anniversary of ordination (which I certainly did fifteen years ago). Then they celebrate again on their 50th anniversary of ordination.

As you might remember, I lost four cousins within a month during the Christmas season. There were four wakes where family and friends offered consolation to one another while saying we have to start meeting for happy occasions, and we certainly have for weddings, baptisms and first communions. One of my cousins who died, Patricia, was a young woman in her fifties. Last year, knowing she had cancer, she planned a beautiful graduation party for seven members of the family who had graduated from college, high school, grade school and kindergarten. After that great success, she was working on a family reunion but she left us before it could happen. God rest her soul and all our beloved deceased!

Life is short and happy events should be celebrated. Without being overly dramatic or "Irish" for that matter, only God knows who will be around ten years from now, including yours truly. I am so very grateful to God for calling me to be a priest and for all the incredible blessings he has given me over the past forty years. Like those of you who have had wedding anniversaries, it is so hard to believe how fast time has passed since I was a nervous young deacon awaiting the laying on of hands by the late Cardinal Terrence Cooke as he ordained my classmates and me to the priesthood.

An anniversary or a jubilee is really a Biblical term. This is how the Book of Leviticus describes a Jubilee Year:

You shall count seven weeks³ of years, seven times seven years, so that the time of the seven weeks of years shall give you forty-nine years. Then you shall sound the loud trumpet on the tenth day of the seventh month. On the Day of Atonement you shall sound the trumpet throughout all your land. And you shall consecrate the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you, when each of you shall return to his property and each of you shall return to his clan. That fiftieth year shall be a jubilee for you; in it you shall neither sow nor reap what grows of itself nor gather the grapes from the undressed vines. For it is a jubilee.

A jubilee - an anniversary, has two major components: 1) to thank God for what has been 2) to ask God to bless and to guide for what will be. On my fortieth anniversary of my priesthood, I could not begin to name the countless gifts God has given me through the workings of the Holy Spirit. I have been brought to amazement by how God works in the lives of his people and how he has used me, a very human and sinful creature, to be one of his instruments of grace. As I look at my life as a priest, I am very humbled by pondering how God allowed me to minister in his name. Whatever our calling in life, be it marriage, the single life, divorced, widowed, young or old, we know all our lives are a mystery, and we stand in awe at the wonder and workings of the Lord. God and his people have allowed me to enter their lives at the best and worst of times, to be with them in both joy and sorrow, and the bonds those moments create are very powerful.

God has brought me to many places over this forty-year journey. I spent years teaching high school students, guiding seminarians on the way to the Redemptorist life and priesthood, serving the Redemptorists as an administrator, and preaching innumerable retreats and missions in a great variety of places. Each ministry was a wonderful path to encounter and serve God with my humble efforts. I can look back at each of those assignments with powerful memories of people who became part of my life and memory.

Without sounding patronizing in any way, these last four years at St. Martin's have been so very special. It is the first time in my forty years I have served full time in a parish, sharing life with the thousands of people who make up our parish. It may not be the most spiritual of images, but I think of the words from the television show *Cheers* to capture how I feel about St. Martin's:

*Be glad there's one place in the world
Where everybody knows your name,
And they're always glad you came;
You want to go where people know,
People are all the same;*

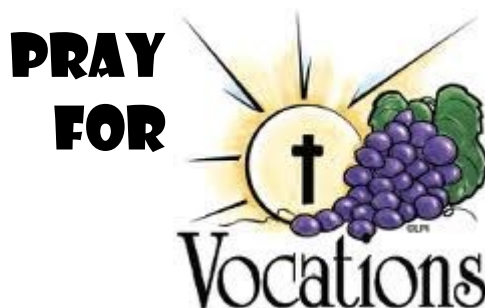
*You want to go where everybody knows your name.
Where everybody knows your name,
And they're always glad you came;
Where everybody knows your name,
And they're always glad you came.*

("Where Everybody Knows Your Name" released in 1982, written by Gary Portnoy & Hart Angelo)

The parish of St. Martin's is not a Boston pub, rather it is a faith community of men and women seeking to love God and the people he places in their lives. It has become my home. So, I am delighted to share my 40th year jubilee with family, friends and my St. Martin family.

If you would like to attend the luncheon after the Mass, please fill out one of the sign-up cards that are available. I want to have a luncheon for all who attend and I need a good head count. My family has blessed me with the gift of being able to do this so there is no cost to the parish in this celebration. I also want to stress the only gift I seek for this celebration is your prayers and loving support in the days to come. Thank you, Lord and Mary our Mother for all that has been and all that is to come!

Love, Father Pat
woodscsr@aol.com www.smtbethpage.org





*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.

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

Nannys for Grannys...and Grandads too!

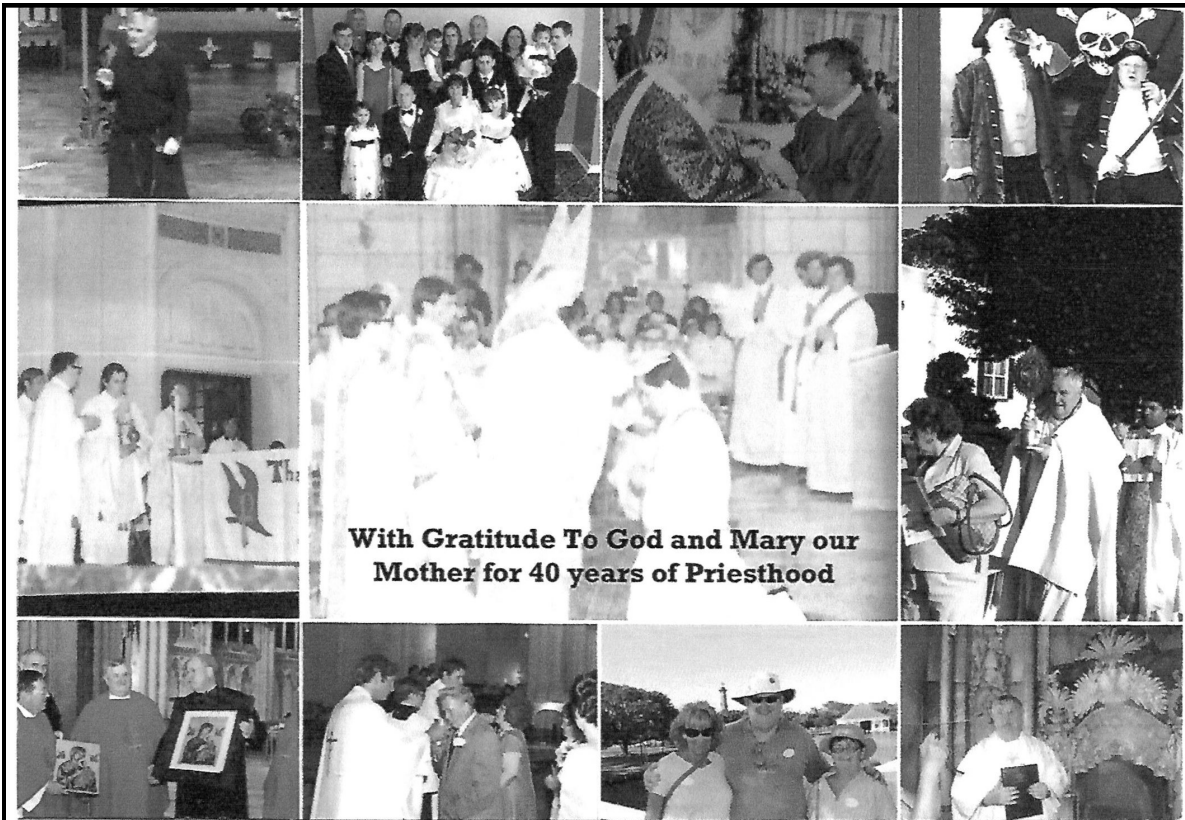
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**With Gratitude To God and Mary our
Mother for 40 years of Priesthood**

**Please join me in thanking God and Our Lady of Perpetual Help
for all the blessings and graces He has give me over the past
forty years of priesthood**

June 14th, 2015

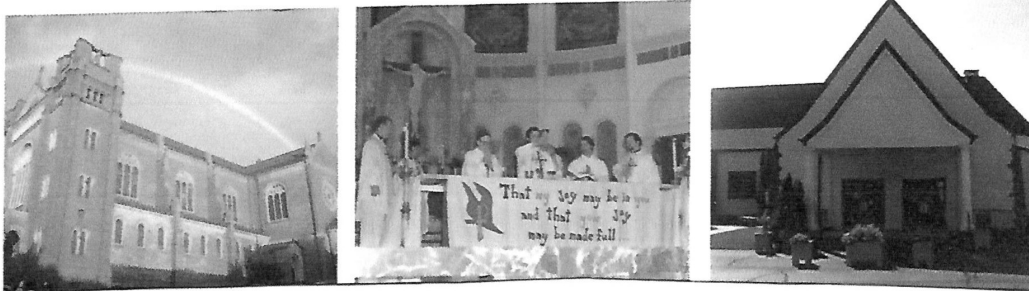
Mass at 1:00 p.m.

Followed by an Informal Luncheon

St. Martin of Tours, Bethpage, New York

The only gift I ask is your presence and your prayers.

All Are Welcome



Response cards will be soon available.

Rita Verow, one of our parishioners, recently led a program over the course of several weeks. It was a program that moved the participants to make a Consecration of their lives to the Blessed Mother with the goal of becoming a deeper follower of Jesus Christ. Those who made the program were delighted with it, and I am so very grateful to Rita for all her work. I feel our entire parish will be blessed by this witness of great love to the Virgin Mary. I asked Rita to write about the program. - Father Pat

From Rita:

Warm congratulations to the following people who made their Marian consecration on May 13th, after the 7:00PM vigil mass:



Anne Marie Cheslowitz, Marie Gagnaniello, Delia G. Guzman, Laura Letourneau, Michael Leva, Kate Mayerhofer, Doris McMahon, Mary Miller, Kathy Nappi, Pat Quinn, Sheila Regan, Kathy Reymont, Dolores Sgaraglio, Rita Verow and Chris & Diane Vigliotta.

I am very grateful to Fr. Pat for supporting this retreat and celebrating with us. He made everything very solemn and reverent and did a wonderful job! Father Pat played a beautiful Marian hymn called *The Magnificat*, and there was a lovely statue of Our Lady of Fatima on the altar, as well as a relic of St. Louis de Monfort that made the consecration extra special.

All the participants had their consecration certificates blessed and they signed them on the altar. We recited two consecration prayers renewing our Baptismal promises, and we prayed to Our Lady to pledge our love to her and ask her to bring us closer to her Son Jesus.

I also want to thank Michael Leva for his help and multi-tasking for the retreat. He did a fine job. I would also like to thank Dolores Sgaraglio for her generous donation of the most beautiful pink roses for the statue of Our Lady of Fatima, and the group photo that was taken for a memento of the retreat. A fun time was then had by all as we celebrated with fine food and friendship at the Plainview Diner.

I am very proud of all of you and it was a privilege to be on this retreat with everyone. May our Lady always keep you all close to her Immaculate Heart. ***To Jesus through Mary - Totus Tuus***

Christian Mothers Rosary Confraternity

All women are cordially invited to CMRC's general end-of-year meeting on Tuesday, June 2nd at 7:30PM in Saint Alphonsus Parish Hall. Planned events for the evening are:

- Installation of our officers
- Father Ciya's Magic Show
- Refreshments will be served

Parish Assembly 2015

I was delighted with the parish assembly that we held on Saturday, May 16th. Although it is difficult to get a final headcount, there were at least 200 parishioners who attended this event. Father John McGowan CSSR gave a very fine homily on the Holy Spirit at the 9:00 a.m. Mass. The music, under the direction of Elena Scollo, was excellent. The liturgy concluded with a laying on of hands by a group of parishioners that Pat Ricci had gathered. These men and women represented all of us as they prayed that the Holy Spirit would guide us through the morning.

The attendees were greeted by coffee and a great array of wonderful baked goods that our dedicated St. Clement Bakers had prepared. The Hospitality Committee was working full time to make sure that everyone was served quickly. They did the same for the lunch that ended the day. I told the gathering that if nothing else came of the day we were truly nourished by the great work of Joanne Veltri and her team of bakers.

Father McGowan and I gave a presentation on the Gospel of Emmaus and how this key Gospel account can open the power of the Eucharist to us as we attend Mass and seek to live our daily lives what we have experienced at the table of the Lord. After the talk, each person shared a pita bread with those at his or her table as they broke bread together and spoke about the presence of the Lord in their lives. Ann Hughes followed with a very clear explanation of the Diocesan planning committee work that each parish in our deanery has been asked to conduct. Ann has a great sense of our parish history and is a wise guide for us as we move into the future.

I want to give a particular word of thanks to Kate Mayerhofer and the dedicated members of the Discipleship committee who both planned the day and then did the many little efforts (putting table clothes on the tables, preparing name tags, getting the soda and water on ice, making sure Father Pat did not forget to get the sandwiches) and a thousand other things that go into making such an event so graced-filled. As always the staff in the rectory, Genny and Barbara do so much to help make such projects come to fruition. T.J. Hance, our head of maintenance, is now back to work after recovering from a serious car accident. He did a great deal of work in setting up the tables and chairs in the auditorium. There are three very happy people with the return of T.J. to work - T.J., the pastor, and most especially his wife Christina.

For me the greatest highlight was seeing so many parishioners sitting and talking with one another in a very casual and relaxed way. As good as the talk was (if I may say so myself), the best sharing of faith and parish life was during the breaks and at lunch. We were truly breaking bread with one another.

I mentioned several groups that were part of the day: the music ministry, the Clement bakers, the discipleship committee, and the hospitality committee. If you would like to share you gifts and talents with any of these groups, you are welcome to contact me at woodscsr@aol.com.

Father Pat

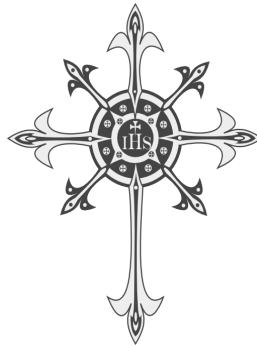
**The Respect Life Committee will be presenting an "End of Life" seminar
on Saturday, June 6th at 10AM in St. Alphonsus Hall.**

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!



We will have our monthly holy hour from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 27th. You are invited to spend some quiet time before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

We will also place Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament on the altar on Saturday, May 30th after the 7:00 p.m. evening Mass. The Blessed Sacrament will be on the altar until 11:00 p.m. It is a great gift to spend some quiet time with the Lord in the midst of our busy lives.

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

THANK YOU SAINT MARTIN'S FOR YOUR KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY TO THE LIFE CENTER AND THE MOTHERS AND BABIES WE SERVE. As a volunteer for the Life Center for so many years, I have come to understand that goodness and love fill our churches as parishioners reach out to save little babies by offering a safe refuge and aid to their mothers and fathers. All of you, here at St. Martin's, have gone to the extreme every October during our Baby Bottle Campaign, and now, at the Baby Shower last weekend.

The BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN brought to the Life Center, \$11,517.35. The BABY SHOWER: You filled, once more, a 17 foot truck from front to back with your gifts to these babies. You brought car seats, cribs, baby clothes, bouncers, high chairs, some of you brought pick-up trucks filled with these necessities. Sitting at each mass with our volunteers, we are always in awe as you come in with packages of diapers, or carrying swings, and everything a newborn baby will need. To those that knit and crochet the little hats and booties, or blankets that bring these babies home from the hospital, **Thank you!** And to those who donated \$655.00, many thanks as well!

Once more, Father Henry manned that 17 foot truck all the way to Deer Park on Monday morning. He's incredible! He moves that monster of a truck around like it was a Volkswagen Beetle. When we got to the Life Center, I had called ahead to warn them we were coming, so they had two volunteers ready to unload the truck. And so we did! We filled a room and a huge shed with all of your donations! Catherine, who administers to the donations, is always taken back when we arrive. She said, "*Oh, it's Saint Martin of Tours! God bless them!*" Father Henry led us in prayer for all those that come for help, that they find peace and love at our doors. He gave a blessing over the Life Center and all who work to save the life of a child.

So once again, no words can possibly express the heart of St. Martin of Tours. Father Pat is simply wonderful! He welcomes us every time we ask for an opportunity to bring about the Life Issue. He is truly a champion for Life. Our Respect Life Committee along with Father Henry has worked long and hard to bring these events about. Thanks to them, and YOU, EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU who WELCOME THESE INNOCENT BABIES INTO THIS BEAUTIFUL WORLD! GOD BLESS YOU ALL!

THE RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE will be hosting an END OF LIFE SEMINAR on Saturday, June 5th at 10AM in St. Alphonse Hall following the 9AM Mass. Our Committee is trying to bring about an AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE BEGINNING OF LIFE and THE END OF LIFE. Father Henry will discuss Church teachings on the subject. We will have Lisa Honkanan, M.D., from Geriatrics at Good Samaritan Hospital and a member of the Board of Directors at the Life Center. Also present for information and questions is a director from a funeral home, and a representative from St. Charles Cemetery. Information such as healthcare proxy forms, handouts and booklets will be provided.

A light breakfast will be waiting for you after mass. Please bring someone who you would like to represent you and your wishes at the end of life. Caregivers of the terminally are especially welcome, as well as those from other parishes. - Diana Hart Mirando



**5/24: NO Life Night this Sunday following the 5:30PM Mass
- Happy Memorial Day!**

Upcoming Events

5/31: Life Night - 7-8PM in the OLPH Youth Room

6/7: NO Life Night - please join us immediately after the 5:30PM Mass for a Eucharistic Procession celebrating the Feast of Corpus Christi. An Ice Cream social to follow.



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

5/28: Edge Night 7-8:30PM in the OLPH Youth Room

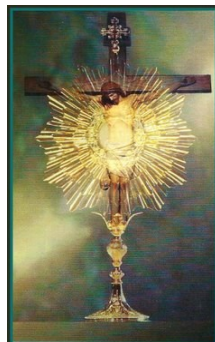
6/11: Edge Night 7-8:30PM in the OLPH Youth Room

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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

There is no Adoration hosted
by our Youth Ministry during the months of
June, July and August.

The next Adoration is
Tuesday, September 8th
7:00 PM in the Church.



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

To Donate by Mail:

Mail checks to
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Please write "Nepal Earthquake" on the memo line

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To Donate by Phone: Call 877-HelpCRS to make a credit card donation to CRS over the phone.

The Parish Spiritual Book Club is presently reading the great classic work, *Story of a Soul*, the autobiography of St. Therese of Lisieux. There are many editions, including abridged versions, of this famous book.

I am reading the third edition translated by Father John Clarke, O.C.D. - a highly respected translation. There are some parts of the book that you may find a little challenging, but it is well worth reading.



Our book discussion will be **June 26, at 7:30 p.m. in St. Alphonsus Hall**. Whether you are a member of the spiritual book club or not, you are welcome to attend the meeting. - Father Pat, CSSR

News from the Young at Heart

In honor of Mother's Day, Table #5 at Young at Heart sponsored our 8th Annual "Baby Shower" for the benefit of **Birthright** on May 5th. Our members contributed handmade baby quilts, diapers, baby clothing for cold and warm weather and baby toys to help those most in need.

We would like to express our deepest appreciation to all the ladies who so generously contributed their time and effort to this worthy endeavor.

Thank you to all of the members of Young at Heart!

Young at Heart Table #5

Something is brewing...

SMT COFFEE HOUSE NIGHT

**SAINT ALPHONSUS
HALL**

FRIDAY MAY 29TH

and/or

FRIDAY JUNE 5TH

7:30 PM BOTH NIGHTS



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WE ARE OFFERING TWO NIGHTS.

SPACE IS LIMITED. OPEN SEATING.

Last week, we experienced a very powerful witness of the bond that police officers share with one another as we saw thousands policemen and women gather from the United States and Canada to stand in tribute to Officer Brian Moore who died in the line of duty. Police officers come because they know well the dangers of walking the beat or riding in a patrol car. They come in support of one another, in support of the family of Brian Moore, and to make a clear statement on the value of any police officer's life.

I think we were all touched by how the local community in our surrounding areas joined in support of Brian Moore, his family and the police. I heard a story about the employees of St. Joseph Hospital as they lined up outside their hospital to offer water and support to the police officers who were attending the funeral. We still see many of our streets lined with blue ribbons that were donated by local florists. Once this young man was pronounced dead, the police and the local community had a very clear mission: to honor a fallen hero and to offer support to his family and to one another.

Today, on the feast of the Ascension, we see our Lord Jesus Christ give the apostles and the Church its mission, not only for a day or week but until he returns in his glory. We hear that mission so clearly proclaimed by Jesus in today's Gospel. Jesus said to his disciples: *Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned.*

This is the work of the Church and all who believe in the Good News of Jesus Christ: *go and proclaim the Gospel to all creatures and baptize them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.* I always read this Gospel at baptisms since it tells us why we are church baptizing a baby. We are doing what Christ said to do.

I met a priest the other day who told me about the five *L's* that every pastor must face: *lights, locks, lawns, leaks, and liability.* I must say that in the past four years I have had experience with all of these key realities of pastoring. We have had leaks and lights difficulties. The keys in my office are still a mystery to me. When Genny, our parish secretary, tells me there is lawyer on the phone, my heart skips a beat!

Fortunately the lawns give me no worry since we have a great gardening committee. If there was a good word beginning with an L for capturing parishioners saying it is too cold in church or it is too hot in church, I would add that to the list.

Yet in spite of the five *L's*, I love being a pastor. It is a delight to baptize children, marry couples, celebrate first communions, anniversaries, preside at the Holy Eucharist, forgive sins in the name of Jesus, teach children, and be part of such a beautiful parish community. I would say that as I think about all the ministries I have as a priest here at St. Martin's, celebrating funeral Masses is the most powerful. Now you may say that is because I am Irish and there is something about death that fascinates us, but that is not the case. There is no greater moment to preach the Gospel than at a funeral Mass. The congregation is feeling a deep sense of loss, is wondering about the ultimate meaning of life, and reflecting on their own mortality.

No matter how the homily is shaped at funeral Mass, the message is consistently unified: *Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.* That is the core of the proclamation of the Gospel. This message is proclaimed in all our sacramental celebrations, in particular at the celebration of every Mass, but I think it is most clearly heard at a time of loss when our hearts are seeking comfort and meaning.

The parish of St. Martin of Tours, the Diocese of Rockville Centre, the Pope, the Cardinals and all the Vatican exist for one purpose only: *Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned.* From our first days, we have been a missionary church. The apostles, guided by the Holy Spirit, began to build up communities of believers. Men and women, both lay and religious, have left home to go on the foreign missions to proclaim the Gospel. We have an experience of a missionary here at St. Martin's in Father Ciya who has left home to be a proclaimer here in Bethpage.

I think we may grow weary of second collections and diocesan appeal. I know I do at times, but they remind us that we are not a church in isolation - we are part of the universal church with concerns about all the people of the world. A key aspect of being a member of a parish is to help each other in faith. We go to God together. I need you to help me in my living the Gospel and you need me to assist you. When we speak about the body of Christ, we can speak of Christ's body while he was on earth, the resurrected body of Jesus, the Body of Christ in the Eucharist, and the Body of Christ in one another. *Amen* means *I believe.* We say *Amen* as we receive Holy Communion and we say another form of *Amen* as we greet each other in Christ in the sign of Peace.

When I was in the seminary as a student, I dreamed of going on the missions to Brazil. Periodically, we would hear great stories of priests riding horses for hours to go to the smallest villages to baptize and preach. I did not receive that assignment and the horses of Brazil wrote a thank you letter to the provincial. Since I struggle with English, I am not sure if I ever could have learned Portuguese. Still, I was called to be a missionary in my daily priestly life in New York, Washington, Erie PA, and now here in St. Martin's. The same holds true for you. Although a few of our parishioners have gone on mission projects, most of us have the mission of living the Gospel in our families, in our neighborhoods, in our parish, and in our work. Most of us do not preach, yet the greatest preaching of all is the witness of our lives. Like the first apostles, we face many challenges to be faithful to the Gospel. Our society is growing more and more secular. There was a study released that shows belief in Christ is on the decline in the USA.

But we go forth with great courage and conviction, fortified by the Eucharist and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit to follow the words Christ gave before he returned to the Father: *Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature.* As we open our hearts to the Holy Spirit, we will be guided to our own path of proclaiming the Good News.

Father Patrick Woods, CSSR

Homily from the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord - May 14, 2015

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

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.



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 (ACOAs). 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

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.

**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>



**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.

**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**

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.

SAVE THESE DATES

- **May 31st: The May Crowning of the Blessed Mother** will be after the 10:00 a.m. Mass.
- **June 7th: Corpus Christi Procession will begin** after the 5:30 p.m. Sunday Mass. Ice Cream Social to follow in St. Alphonsus Hall.
- **June 13th: Honor the Clergy Mass** will be celebrated at the 9:00 a.m. Mass.
- **June 14th: Father Pat's 40th anniversary Mass of Thanksgiving** will be at 1:00 p.m. Mass with luncheon to follow. Response cards will be coming soon.
- **Friday, August 21st: Our annual parish picnic** will begin at 6:30p.m. This is a fun event with a great chance to gather as a parish for fun, food and friendship.
- **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.

Registration for St. Martin of Tours Religious Education is now open for the Fall enrollment for grades 1 through 8.

Please notify the religious education office at (516) 822-9768 or email either Pat Ryan at pryan@smtbethpage.org or Laura Leigh Agnese at llagnese@smtbethpage.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 24: ADULT CONFIRMATION at the 11:30PM Mass
- May 25: Memorial Day - No 6:30AM Mass. Rectory is closed.
- May 25: No Charismatic Prayer Group Meeting
- May 27: Holy Hour 3:00PM Church
- May 29: SMT Coffee House Night 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- May 30: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the 7PM Mass
- May 31: Crowning of the Blessed Mother after the 10AM Mass
- June 2: Christian Mothers End of Year Meeting 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 13: Honor the Clergy Mass 9AM Mass
- June 14: Father Pat's 40th Jubilee Mass 1PM Reception to follow
- June 19: SMT Book Club 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- June 26: Spiritual Book Club 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- June 27: Emergency Preparedness Presentation 9:30 - 11:30AM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Aug 10-14: Bible Camp
- Aug 21: Annual Parish Picnic 6:30PM school parking lot
- Sept 4-6: Summer Retreat at San Alfonso Retreat House, Long Branch NJ



The land of the free ***because*** of the Brave!
Rest in Peace. We will never forget!