

**Masses For The Week**

**Monday - June 22**

6:30 Liberta Carcone  
9:00 Fathers Day Novena

**Tuesday - June 23**

6:30 Antonio & Felicia Saulino  
9:00 Fathers Day Novena

**Wednesday - June 24**

6:30 Florence & Harry Walker  
9:00 Fathers Day Novena

**Thursday - June 25**

6:30 Lena & Giovanni Gianuzzi  
9:00 Fathers Day Novena

**Friday - June 26**

6:30 Michael & Emilio Fornino  
9:00 Fathers Day Novena

**Saturday - June 27**

9:00 Fathers Day Novena  
5:00 Bernard Lavin, 1st Anniversary  
7:00 Kevin Brady

**Sunday - June 28**

7:00 The People of the Parish  
8:30 Emil & Blanche Zalzal  
10:00 Natalie & Marcello Zadra  
11:30 Stella Magdalena & John Lazzati  
1:00 Joseph Hoolahan, 5th Anniversary  
5:30 Dorothy & Carmine Arnone

**Readings For The Week**

Mon. Genesis 12:1-9; Matthew 7:1-5  
Tues. Genesis 13:2, 5-18; Matthew 7:6, 12-14  
Wed. Isaiah 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Luke 1:57-66, 80  
Thurs. Genesis 16:1-12, 15-16; Matthew 7:21-29  
Fri. Genesis 17:1, 9-10, 15-22; Matthew 8:1-4  
Sat. Genesis 18:1-15; Matthew 8:5-17

**Sun. Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24** *God did not make death and does not delight when life is destroyed. All creatures of the world are wholesome. Through the devil's envy, death entered the world.*

**2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15** *Paul the apostle wrote that the Corinthians have been given much by the Lord. They should give to others in need as others give to them in their own need.*

**Mark 5:21-43** *When Jesus was on his way to heal Jairus's daughter, a woman touched his cloak and was healed of her sickness. Jesus told the woman, " Daughter, your faith has saved you."*

**Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift**

**Amount Budgeted:** \$17,500.00  
**Amount Received:** June 13/14, 2015  
**Regular Collection:** \$17,843.15

***Thank you for your great generosity!***

**Reflection & Living Stewardship**



St. Paul reminds us in the second reading that Christ died "so that those who live might live no longer for themselves." What we give to and do for others, we give to and do for Jesus!

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who give of themselves by sharing their gifts through prayer groups, healing and consolation ministries.

**Charismatic Prayer Group**

How are God's children and California oranges alike? They're all Son-kissed (Sunkist®)!! Sorry, but my Dad loved puns, and it's Father's Day! Note to all fathers - *and* mothers: you have been given a precious gift. Love it! Cherish it! Protect it! If you want to be an important part of your child's tomorrow, make sure your child is an important part of your today!

**Our next meeting is Monday, June 22nd at 7:30 PM in the Church. Please call (516) 993-9672 for prayer requests or more information.**



**Divine Mercy Novena**

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

**HOP Club Winners**

6/15/15 #160	William Zappolo	\$25
6/16/15 #303	M/M Dominick Spampinato	\$25
6/17/15 #85	Kathleen Wilson	\$25
6/18/15 #475	Ralph Paul	\$25
6/19/15 #23	Debbie & Frank Aiello	\$250

*Third Banns*

*Scott Sadowski & Lori Ehlich*

*Joseph Marcus & Kimberly Schneider*



*Second Banns*

*Philip Layh & Larisa Castelli*



*“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: sweet cereals, pancake mix, oatmeal, peas, carrots, tomato paste, tomato sauce, peanut butter, baked beans, chicken soup, hearty soups, mayonnaise, oil, sugar, evaporated milk, boxed milk, cake mix, Jell-O, pudding, pancake syrup, coffee, dish soap, laundry soap, bar soap, tissues, toilet paper and diapers (size 3 & 4).

As always, we are so grateful for all that you do to help others.

**Parish Outreach Food Pantry:**

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



*Week of June 21 - June 27, 2015*

*Altar Bread & Wine*

*In Loving Memory of  
 Michael A. Maggio Sr. & Jr.*

*Week of June 21 - June 27, 2015*

*Sanctuary Candle  
 In Loving Memory of  
 Fatima Perez*



**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
- 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, 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, Brendan Donahue
- 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
- Louie Gandolfo, Liam Barry, Fran Brideau, Kevin Connors

**Rest in Peace**

***Acts 7:49: “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.”***  
***Rosaria Ficalora, Dorothy A. Schenk***  
***Elizabeth A. Rooney, Richard Stephen Rabena***  
***Pat Michaels, Josephine Atwater***  
***Tess Steubing***

## *The Pastor's Letter*

I love the song *You Raise Me Up* that Josh Groban sings. The refrain of the song goes like this: *You raise me up, so I can stand on mountains, You raise me up to walk on stormy seas; I am strong, when I am on your shoulders; You raise me up...to be more than I can be.*



Since I arrived here at St. Martin's on a hot July day in 2011, you have shown me great love and appreciation. In a very profound and moving way, this past Sunday, June 14, 2015, I was surrounded in love as we raised our hearts in prayer and gratitude to God for my forty years of priesthood. So many of my family and friends have commented on the warmth and welcoming attitude of our parish. I heard several times from them, *Father Pat we are so happy to see you so loved by the people of the parish.*

As I often say, it is dangerous to offer particular thank you's since so many people contributed to making my fortieth jubilee a day that I will never forget and a day that moves me forward with great energy for further service of the Gospel. I offer the deepest appreciation to my sister Maryanne for her generosity in organizing the party, along with my niece Claire, her husband Tom, and Aunt Kathy. They shopped for plates and cups, debated balloon colors, picked menus, and set tables for almost four hundred people. My niece Chrissy, who did the second reading at Mass, drove all the way from Fayetteville, North Carolina, along with her husband Tom and their three children on Saturday and then had to return back for work and school the next day. That is love!

My nephew Rob who did the prayer of the faithful with his sister Claire, and his wife Nicole came with their three precious girls and made the day a delight. All eight of my great nephews and nieces were in the offertory procession: Thomas, Micaela, Brendan, Fiona, Sean, Caitlin, Caroline, and Mairead, along with dear cousin Philomena, and our family's friends Sister Maura and Kathy. So many of my cousins, many whose parents were part of my life growing up, along with dear friends and neighbors battled the Belt Parkway on a Sunday to be with me to celebrate the Jubilee. They have always been so loving and grateful to me.

Here at St. Martin's, I thank our office staff, Genny and Barbara who were so very helpful in assisting me in planning the day. They are a great gift to the parish. I cannot thank T.J. Hance enough for setting up all the tables, bought all the ice, purchased the wine, the beer, the soda and the bottled water, along with pepperoni trays. He then broke it all down afterwards. What can I say about your two great Italian rivals of Starbucks coffee - Vic Sirianni and Jim Belmonte, who served coffee and tea. Vic had many women swooning in his splendid attire. Ann Hughes did the first reading at Mass. Ann always creates inspiring and moving displays for the Church along with lovely flowers for the altar. She is one talented woman! I thank Kathie Speelman who took many photos of the day, all of which I will treasure. Ann Mele did a marvelous job of editing the little booklet I prepared for the Jubilee. She made some unreadable Brooklynese sentences understandable.

Certainly, the Mass was the highlight and center of the Jubilee celebration. Our parish priests, Fathers Jim, Henry and Ciya joined with Deacons Tom and Jim, and some of my Redemptorists friends, Fathers Francis Gargani, Dennis Foley, Charley McDonald, Al Bradley, Kevin Moley, and John Gauci joined me in praising God at the Eucharist.

We parishioners know well how wonderful our music is under the direction of Elena Scollo and our musicians and singers. My relatives and friends were raving about them and could not stop speaking about them. I am blessed by the love and friendship for forty years of Father John McGowan, first my teacher, then my mentor, then my pastor, my preaching partner and finally my friend. His homily humbled and touched my heart.

I certainly want to thank all the St. Clement Bakers for their donations to the celebration. They have done much for the parish in the past several weeks, baking for our two coffee houses, our parish funerals and the Jubilee celebration. Joanne Veltri has been a great organizer of these dedicated parishioners. I joked the other day at Mass that someone said to me, I want to join your parish after being at your Jubilee. I said you must have been touched by me. He said not really. I then I asked if it was the music at Mass. He said that was excellent but that was not they key. What was it I asked? He responded, your parish has the best bakers I have ever encountered.

I know some of you had other commitments this past Sunday and could not attend the celebration. I also know the stairs in Emmaus Hall and the auditorium rule out those who struggle with steps. However, so many of you offered me prayers and best wishes and I want you to know how much I appreciated that. I have many cards and gifts in my office that I have yet to open since it has been a kind of mad rush since the celebration. I thank you for your kindness and generosity. I do hope to eventually write thank you notes in the weeks to come. Love and Prayers always, Father Pat

### Homily for Father Pat Woods 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination

John Mc Gowan, C.Ss.R. - June 14, 2015

We are all here today to celebrate not just 40 years of priesthood but the 40 years of Pat Woods priesthood. I once heard a woman at a parish mission say to Father Pat: "If there were more priests like you, the churches wouldn't be empty." How do you make a Pat Woods priest? What is the recipe? What materials and ingredients do you need?

Well, I decided to write a Pat Woods Recipe Book. First of all, you need certain ingredients and materials. So you start with a young boy. Then you'll need lots of other stuff. Put the boy in a brownstone house in the Bay Ridge/Sunset Park section of Brooklyn, New York. that sits in the shadow of OLPH church. Then you need to add a wonderful Irish mother and father – Patty and Margaret Woods. You add to the mix two terrific older sisters, Geraldine and Maryanne. Stir thoroughly for 8 years in OLPH grade school. Add lots Sisters of St. Joseph to the mix. Dress the lad in an altar boy's cassock and surplice, and dungarees, sneakers and let him run on 58th Street playing stick ball, box ball with many kids on the block and give him a best friend named Pete Costello.

For seasoning while the lad is only 14 years old, pour into the ingredients a cup full of an impossible dream for him to become a priest. You need that Dream. That is the most necessary part of the recipe. The Mother of Jesus had an impossible experience when she was 14 and her intended, Joseph, had many angels visiting him in his dreams. So the dream is most important. Then add a dash of Desire. A desire so strong that it pushes the lad to board a bus with dozens of others to travel 500 miles to a high school seminary called "North East."

Similar to Mary's journeys from Nazareth to her cousin Elisabeth, to Bethlehem and to Egypt, have the lad travel from Brooklyn to North East, PA to Ilchester, MD and then to Esopus, NY. Set the oven temperature at not too hot and not too cold and let it baste for 12 years. Then on a sunny June morning take it out of the oven and there you'll have a brand new Redemptorist priest. But that is only the beginning.

You now have to season this rookie priest with a year at Fordham University getting him a Master's degree in literature. Then send him back to St. Mary's Seminary as a teacher for 10 years. While he's there flavor him with many weekends conducting Engaged Encounter weekends to young couples. Give him a year as a preacher and parish priest in OLPH, Brooklyn before you send him to Washington, DC to be rector of major seminarians.

Gradually move him to the top of the oven. Allow him to minister as Vicar to the Redemptorist Provincial for 12 years. Then serve him to the hungry Catholic world as Provincial Superior of the all Redemptorists in the northeastern part of the U.S. Let all enjoy and be nourished by him for 6 years as our leader, pastor, mentor and friend whom many labeled as "the best Provincial we have ever had." But you are not done yet. You are far from finished. Take him out of the administration oven and serve him as pastor to the people of St. Martin of Tours parish in Bethpage, NY. Allow them to savor, taste and delight in the delicious pastoring of this nutritious entrée.

And that's my *How to Make a Pat Woods Recipe Book*. Then it dawned on me. When all is said and done, it is impossible to make another Pat Woods priest. There is only one. There can never be a clone. There might be many imitations of the original but there will never, ever be another priest quite like Father Pat Woods. So we will just have to settle with the original. When God called Father Patrick Woods into being through the love of Margaret and Paddy Woods, He threw away his recipe book. Father Pat Woods is a one and only. He is a first edition. Let's bless, praise and thank God for that.

So let's forget about my recipe book and allow me to tell you the Pat Woods story. When I celebrated my 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a priest, Pat gifted me with a pewter St. Patrick chalice. Around the cup were scenes from the life of St. Patrick. Along the base Pat had engraved the words: Teacher – Priest – Preaching Partner – Pastor – Friend. These words are actually a definition Father Patrick Woods. They are words quite similar to the 4 legs of Alphonsian spirituality: The Crib – the Cross – the Eucharist – and Mary. Those words also describe the life and the priesthood of Father Pat Woods.

1) The **Crib** refers to the **Incarnation** – Christ becoming one of us.

So did Father Pat. He is one of us. Jesus once said, "I no longer call your servants but friends." Pat has been a FRIEND to all of us. He is first of all friend to his two families: his biological family and his Redemptorist family. He shows this friendship most of all in his presence to and with us. He loves being present to his sister Maryanne and her children, Chrissy, Claire, Robbie, their spouses and their children.

Like Jesus Pat has always had an open heart for the underdog. He has been a long suffering Jet, Met, Ranger and Knick fan. He has also befriended and cared for so many lesser known characters in our Redemptorist community. His presence in their lives, the time and attention he gave them has brightened many a confrere's life. Having Pat Woods as your friend makes your life special. Ask John McGowan, Kevin O'Neil, Francis Gargani and Al Bradley. Ask his sister Maryanne and her children Christine, Claire and Robbie. Ask Kathy Peterson and his many good friends from North East and Erie, PA.

Ask all the Collins and Brody families. In his 40 years as a priest, Father Pat has baptized, married and buried more of his relatives than St. Francis Xavier did in his entire career. As one cousin put it so well "Father Pat is always there for us." If Christianity is a religion of friendship, then what a friend we have in Jesus! And what a gospel friend we have in Father Pat Woods! "The Word became flesh and dwells among us ."Patrick Woods became a priest and dwells among us too.

2) The second leg in Alphonsian spirituality is **the Cross**.

Pat has known and experienced the cross in his life. His darkest day was the day his sister Geraldine died suddenly and all too soon before her time. He has known the cross of a serious illness – operated on for an aortic aneurysm. "I'll see you on the other side." He's known the cross of a terrible snow storm on the day he marched as the grand marshal in the Bethpage St. Patrick's Day parade.

He knew the pain, the worry, the sleepless nights with the Madoff ponsey scheme that would have damaged the C.S.S.R. financially had not Pat as our Provincial directed us to tighten our belts with a leaner lifestyle. He single handedly got us through that crisis.

Like all of us he has lost people he loved – his parents, relatives and friends - but he believes and preaches so often that the cross is not the end; that the cross is the great icon of love we have in our days. Jesus' death on the cross saved us from sin and death and Pat constantly reminds us of the greater love Jesus has for each and everyone of us.

Pat's favorite Biblical word is Emmanuel - "God with us." He believes and preaches constantly to all of us that no matter what happens - no matter what sorrow or loss come our way, we are not alone. Christ is with us.

The third leg of Redemptorist spirituality is **the Eucharist**. The Table of the Word and the Table of the Sacrament. Father Pat Woods is a Eucharistic person. We experience this in his creative and imaginative sermons and his homilies and writings. He has the great gift of making connections with the Word of God and peoples' lives. He has the Bible in one hand and the New York Post in the other. He connects the spiritual world with the secular world.

Pat is a master story teller, a great recantour. If he lived in Ireland he'd be a "Shenachie." I know and enjoy all his stories from preaching over 83 parish missions with him (with 3 in Ireland) and about 20 weekend retreats. That's how I became a witness to his amazing Catholic imagination. Father Pat lives in the enchanted world of statues, holy water, stained glass windows, candles, saints, medals, rosaries and holy pictures. Deacon Jim Biggin once told me in jest that St. Martin of Tours Church needs some more walls to hold all the holy pictures, scenes and portraits that Pat has installed.

Father Pat sees in all things Catholic hints of a deeper and more pervasive sense that allows him to see the holy lurking everywhere in creation. His world is haunted by the sense that objects, events and people of everyday life are revelations of grace.

Pat is a Eucharistic person. At the Last Supper, Jesus took, broke, blessed and gave. Everyday Father Pat **takes** and accepts God's will. He **breaks** his own will so often for God and others. He **blesses**. He is a blessing person. He says well to and of others. And he **gives** of himself each day. He **does** all this and so much more in memory of Him.

The 4<sup>th</sup> leg of Alphonsian spirituality is **the love of Mary**. Father Pat Woods is a lover of Mary. His favorite gospel passage is Luke's account of the Annunciation. Pat calls this the most important event in all history: the moment when Mary of Nazareth gave her YES to the Angel Gabriel and became the Mother of God. The moment her womb became HOLY GROUND - when she contained the Uncontainable.

Father Pat loves her most of all under the title of **Our Mother of Perpetual Help**. The icon of Perpetual Help became the wallpaper of Pat's life. He grew up in her parish, received his early sacraments there and 40 years ago he celebrated his first mass at the altar in her upper church. Her icon gazed at him in the home at 528 58<sup>th</sup> Street, from classroom walls, from rectory parlor walls and from hundreds of homes, chapels, shrines and churches.

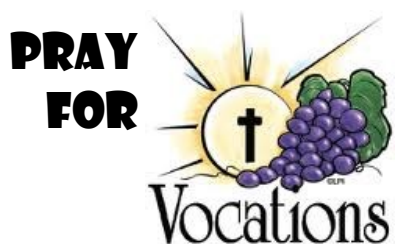
The icon's eyes and his eyes looked at each other every day. He loved her so much that he labored hard to get her icon installed at a side altar in St. Patrick's Cathedral in Manhattan. Although he never got her to a side altar, he managed to get Cardinal Dolan to accept 2 copies of the icon for the cathedral rectory. He has left the OLPH icon in the many parishes where he preached a mission.

So there you have it. I could go on and on but we'd never finish the mass and miss out on the feast of food. To paraphrase the end of St. John's gospel: "There are still many other things to say about Father Pat Woods, yet if they were all written about in detail, I doubt that there would be room enough in the entire world to hold the books to record them."

We bless, praise and thank God for having gifted our lives with the likes of Father Patrick Woods – priest, Redemptorist, preacher, pastor, brother and most of all friend. You are all these things and more, Pat. But your great gift and blessing to my life personally and to so many of us here today is that you are our **FRIEND**. We thank you so much for that. The words of that woman are so true: "If there were more priests like Father Pat Woods, our churches wouldn't be empty."

May the road rise to meet you.  
May the wind be always at your back.  
May the sun shine warm upon your face,  
the rains fall soft upon your fields.  
And wherever you may go  
may God hold you, may God hold you.  
May you be held in the palm of God's hands.

***Congratulations, Pat. Please keep it up.***



**RECTORY OFFICE SUMMER HOURS****From Monday June 22 to Friday September 4, 2015****Weekday Hours: Monday through Friday - 9AM to 3PM****Evening Hours: Monday & Tuesday - 3PM to 7:30PM****Wednesday, Thursday & Friday - 3PM to 7PM****Saturday Hours: 9AM to 7PM****Closed on Sunday****VIRTUS TRAINING - Protecting All God's Children**

If you wish to volunteer in any capacity in a parish, the Diocese of Rockville Centre requires that you **first register** for Virtus **by logging on to [www.virtus.com](http://www.virtus.com)**.

You can also go to the Diocese home page at [drvc.org](http://drvc.org), look for "Virtus" and follow the instructions. If you do not have access to the internet, please pick up a packet at the rectory office. Complete it and bring it with you to the Virtus training session.

**Next Virtus Training Session at St. Martin of Tours**  
**Tuesday, June 23rd @ 7:00PM in the School Faculty Lounge**



**Triduum in Honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help**  
**Feast Day is June 27<sup>th</sup>**

**8: 30 a.m. (*before* the 9:00 a.m. daily Mass)**  
**June 25, 26 and 27**

**Prayers, Reflection, and Benediction of the**  
**Blessed Sacrament**

**Led by Father Ciya Thomas, CSSR**



## LUKE'S YOUNG ARTIST ACADEMY

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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](mailto:lukesartacademy@aol.com).



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Presents**

**The 38th Annual Irish Night At Brady Park  
Massapequa NY**

**Saturday, June 27th from 6:00PM - 10:00PM**

Music by The Ed Ryan Band  
Featuring Performances by  
The Tara Pipes & Drums  
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Fine Irish Gifts & Merchandise  
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Free Admission - Bring Chairs

Refreshments & Raffles Available

No coolers please.

*Jesus said to the crowds: "This is how it is with the kingdom of God; it is as if a man were to scatter seed on the land and would sleep and rise night and day and through it all the seed would sprout and grow, he knows not how. Of its own accord the land yields fruit, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the grain is ripe, he wields the sickle at once, for the harvest has come." Mark 4: 26-34*

There is an old song called *The Garden Song* in the musical *The Fantastics* that you might have sung in kindergarten or with one of your grandchildren. Part of it goes like this: *Inch by inch, row by row, I'm gonna make this garden grow. All it takes is a rake and a hoe and a piece of fertile ground Inch by inch, row by row, someone bless these seeds I sow Someone warm them from below 'til the rain comes tumbling down.*

**Jesus loved the mystery of plant life, seeds and growth since he was from a culture that was very agricultural and rooted in the earth. He sees the growth of fruit as a kind of mystery. How does something grow from the soil and bring forth wonderful food that nourishes us and sustains our life.**

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I think every first grade classroom I have ever visited had several little plants near the window sills with the name of each child on one. The teachers were introducing the children to the wonder and mystery of how things grow. Although they are the dread of homeowners, I am always amazed at the power of tree roots and how they can push up hardened concrete, or the sight of a little flower of plant growing between two slabs of concrete. It is as if Nature is boldly proclaiming that you can't stop me with all your modern efforts. It would seem that many continue the age old fight with weeds, using every kind of weed killer and tool to uproot these nuisances. I am not sure if that fight will ever be won.

One of my memories is of my first trip to a little Caribbean island named Dominica. It is a small island with only 65,000 people or so. It is a very lush land that I must admit is even more green than Ireland. Bananas, as well as many other fruits, grow everywhere. The people are poor but no one is ever hungry. We Redemptorists had several missionary priests on the island and I had the assignment to visit them and see how the missionary work was progressing. A friend of mine picked me up and gave me a tour of the beautiful island. I recall that the sun was shining very powerfully and there were gentle breezes that were blowing off of the Caribbean Sea that surrounded us.

We drove up a pretty high mountain and he stopped the car when we got to the top. The view was unbelievable. He took a few steps over to a tree and cut off a grapefruit and opened it with a knife and handed it to me. I do not think I have ever tasted anything sweeter. How did this delicious fruit grow from this earth? How did that happen? I could read science books that might try to explain it all, but I prefer to just sit in wonder at the working of God.

I believe that in our Gospel reading today, Our Lord is inviting us into mystery and wonder. When was the last time you stood in awe at something? Perhaps it was a newborn child or grandchild, or the majesty of the ocean, or a star-filled evening. Maybe your heart was moved at a simple act of love, a few verses of music, a hot cup of coffee, or that which is most wondrous of all, a piece of chocolate. Wonder! Awe! We live and move and have our being in the presence and mystery of God. Sometimes we are moving about so fast, worrying about what I need to do tomorrow or feeling bad about what happened yesterday, that I can fail to sit and live in the wonder and presence of God. Carl Jung, the great psychologist defined neurosis as “a failure to live in the present.” I remember when I was a child in grade school the Nuns taught us about the sacrament of the present moment. St. Therese of Lisieux lived in a Carmelite convent and died at the age of 24, but among her last words were, “All is grace.” We might put it in another way, “Everything is a gift from God.”

My all time favorite scene from literature is from Thornton Wilder’s play, *Our Town*. The play is about ordinary life. There are three acts: Daily life, Marriage and Death. Over the course of the play we come to know a young girl named Emily. She eventually marries the boy next door named George. Emily dies in childbirth. The last act has all the deceased of the town in the cemetery. They are sitting on chairs talking to one another. Emily says that she wants to go back to life. The rest of the characters tell her not to do it. She begs for one more day and she is given the gift of going back to her 12<sup>th</sup> birthday and to relive it exactly as it was.

Her twelfth birthday is a nice time, but very simple and ordinary. Emily, back from the cemetery, is so pained watching how we all rush through life and fail to see how precious each moment is. She finally says that she must go back since it is too difficult to watch. Emily utters these famous words:

*“Let's really look at one another!...It goes so fast. We don't have time to look at one another. I didn't realize. So all that was going on and we never noticed... Wait! One more look. Good-bye, Good-bye world. Good-bye, Grover's Corners....Mama and Papa. Good-bye to clocks ticking....and Mama's sunflowers. And food and coffee. And new ironed dresses and hot baths...and sleeping and waking up. Oh, earth, you are too wonderful for anybody to realize you. Do any human beings ever realize life while they live it -- every, every minute? To be alive, to be loved by God, to walk the face of this earth, to have people to love and be loved by, to be a believer in our Lord Jesus Christ, know that we are to live forever...To live in this reality is to be in the midst of the kingdom of God.”*

**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

**RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY****HAPPY FATHER'S DAY**

This weekend we are celebrating Father's Day. Some of us are lucky enough to have our fathers near enough to share a barbeque, play a round of golf, or take that fishing trip in hopes of hooking, "the big one!" Some of us will visit a cemetery and linger for a moment with memories of our dads. Some will be writing letters to fathers serving in the military, away from family and home. And there will be some of us visiting at a nursing home, holding the hand that once held ours. No matter how we spend the day, it is one to celebrate the role that fathers play in our lives. So, blessings to our new fathers, to our grandfathers, to our fathers far away, our fathers-in-law, adoptive fathers, and those that came into our lives and took on that responsibility.

***Speaking of Fathers!***

The Respect Life Committee has had the honor of having Father Henry as our Spiritual Advisor for the past 10 years. There are no words that can express the gratitude we have for the "total dedication" he has given to all Life issues. He has been a warrior for the baby, the child, the infirm, the poor, the elderly, all those that need help in this world. He has been faithful and inspiring to all of us as we meet monthly and take on these issues.

We are saddened by the news that he is being transferred to the Provincial House on Shore Road in Brooklyn. They are truly receiving a remarkable man. He is also a master on computer technology, and will be incredible at the job he has been chosen for. But, let us take a moment to explain his presence as a priest and friend.

October is RESPECT LIFE MONTH. We as a Committee work with the Life Center with the Baby Bottle Campaign. We receive 10 to 12 crates of bottles that are given out at all eight masses. When they are collected 2 weeks later, they are locked up, stacked and ready for pickup the following Monday. No matter where Father was, he made sure he was there to help load those heavy crates into the van with T.J. Hance.

The BABY SHOWER, is probably one of the largest the Life Center receives. Year after year, we struggled with cars and vans filled with baby items making a caravan out to Deer Park to drop them at the Life Center facility. Two years ago, Father Henry said, "WHY DON'T WE RENT A TRUCK?" With that, he pulls up with a 17 FOOT TRUCK! Many a mouth hung open, as we thought....."HOW ARE WE GOING TO FILL A TRUCK THAT BIG? " Well, the fact is, WE SURE DID! Front to back, every inch was filled with baby items you donated! He was right! This was the second year he got behind the wheel of that MONSTER TRUCK and drove it all the way out there, with us following behind.

He has been the one that brought the TOUCH OF LIFE FETAL MODELS to all our displays. He has been faithful in attending our monthly meetings, ordering information on life issues, fighting legislation, and leading us in spiritual prayer as we sometime became weary that we might be losing the fight. He led us in prayer at our beginning, and closed with the Litany for Life.

He has not only been our Spiritual Director, he has been our friend. He cheered us on and was an inspiration to all of us for the past ten years. He is an ESSENTIAL. He is loved.

So, as we celebrate Father's Day, in our own special way this weekend, let us keep in mind our priests and deacons. Let us celebrate Fathers Pat, Ciya, Jim and Deacons Jim and Tom, and all those that have made that difference in our lives. Bless them all!

So, THE RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE would like to say, THANK YOU, FATHER HENRY! Thank you for all of the past 10 YEARS! Remain a part of us as we celebrate at the Life Center Banquet. Be with us as we celebrate our 10TH YEAR AS A COMMITTEE. You will never be far from our thoughts and hearts. God Bless and keep you always!

**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO ALL!**

**Side Note:** Gloria Shreiber, Director of the Life Center is going to call and thank Father Henry personally for all his support. She asked for pictures of our last Baby Shower including a picture of Father Henry that will appear in the July issue of the *Life Center News*. - Diana Hart Mirando

**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](http://www.prepare.ny.gov).



6/21: NO Life Night this Sunday. Happy Father's Day!

**Upcoming Events**

6/28: Mass & BBQ honoring our 8th graders & high school seniors - All are welcome!



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

**Upcoming Events**

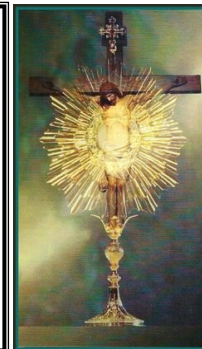
6/25: Edge Night 7-8:30PM in the OLPH Youth Room - END OF THE YEAR PARTY!

**To see our full schedule, please visit [SMTBethpage.org](http://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](mailto:SMT_Lifeteen@Yahoo.com). The Youth Ministry Office Phone: (516) 870-5669.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

There is no Adoration hosted  
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**M**y dear Parishioners,

I have been at St. Martin of Tours for ten years. It doesn't seem that long except when I see the children I have baptized and the altar servers who once were much shorter than I am and now are the same height or taller. When Father John Tizio and Father Jim Szobonya were moved, I was asked to help Father Pat with the transition. That gave me a hint that I would probably move on after the next four years.

Those four years have gone fast and the Redemptorists have asked me to serve them very directly at our provincial headquarters as the Province Secretary and assist with the finances of our province. I am excited about this new chapter in my life. I feel like I am starting a new career.

I will absolutely miss being with you. You have taken me into your lives and I have taken you into mine. I will always be grateful for that. You have helped to make me the person that I am. Knowing that I am far from perfect, I ask forgiveness from those I have offended through my ten years. I know there were times I could have been more patient, listened more carefully, and I am sure there are other times I may have been less the priest you had a right to expect.

My report date to my next home is August 6th. You will see a few boxes and piles of trash bags before then. I find it amazing how much I have accumulated since my last move here from Ohio.

May God continue to bless each of you on your journey to the kingdom of Heaven. I want to thank Fathers Pat, Jim and Ciya and our Deacons Jim and Tom for their friendship. A special thank you to all the members of the staff. I have had the fun of working with you. Thanks to *all* of you for letting me be part of your lives. Please keep me in your prayers, and I will do the same for you.

May God bless you,  
Fr. Henry Sattler C.Ss.R.

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## St. Martin of Tours Summer Bible Camp

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 10<sup>th</sup> 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.***

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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

### **Religious Education at St. Martin of Tours**

For any questions on registration, please notify the religious education office at (516) 822-9768 or email either Pat Ryan at [pryan@smtbethpage.org](mailto:pryan@smtbethpage.org) or Laura Leigh Agnese at [llagnese@smtbethpage.org](mailto:llagnese@smtbethpage.org).

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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.



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May 29, 2015

St. Martin of Tours  
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Dear Fr. Woods, Fr. Sattler, Respect Life Committee, and the People of the Parish,

Thank you so much for all the wonderful baby items that you collected for the Life Center. Everything you collected will be given to mothers and children in need. The items are already being given out, and those receiving them are so grateful. We at the Life Center were amazed at the amount of items that you collected for us. Your collection filled an entire room, plus half of another. Each year when the moving van pulls up, with your special volunteers to drop the items off, we are so excited to see all the beautiful gifts that you graciously donated. We want you to know that we appreciate your kindness and generosity. May God continue to bless all of you, your families, and all your good works.

Sincerely,

Catherine Petruzzi, MSW  
Life Center Staff

Happy Father's Day to all our fathers, both living and deceased, to our grandfathers, to our godfathers, to our brothers and uncles, to men who mentored us, to our priests, and to all who show us a father's love. Bless and grace them all.

### A Father's Day Prayer

God our Father, we give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old. We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation. May they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice.

We pray for our own fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering. May they know that the God of compassion walks with them in their sorrow.

We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice.

We remember fathers, grandfathers and great grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen.

HAPPY  
FATHER'S  
Day!