

Masses For The Week

Monday - August 24

- 6:30 Pamela Karpiak, Birthday Remembrance
- 9:00 Bill Long

Tuesday - August 25

- 6:30 Josephine Atwater
- 9:00 Louis Della Croce

Wednesday - August 26

- 6:30 Charles Roback
- 9:00 Gloria Waller

Thursday - August 27

- 6:30 Catherine Macuha
- 9:00 Allen Astraus

Friday - August 28

- 6:30
- 9:00 George Filippone, 1st Anniversary

Saturday - August 29

- 9:00 MULTIPLE MASS INTENTIONS
- 5:00 Don Cavanagh
- 7:00 Madeline T. Stein

Sunday - August 30

- 7:00 The People of the Parish
- 8:30 Elsie Urbanowski
- 10:00 Angelina & Thomas Cilmi
- 11:30 Frank M. Astralla
- 1:00 Philip & Bridget Fitzgerlad
- 5:30 Shirley Peterson

Readings For The Week

- Mon. Revelation 21:9b-14; John 1:45-51
- Tues. 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 23:23-26
- Wed. 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13; Matthew 23:27-32
- Thurs. 1 Thessalonians 3:7-13; Matthew 24:42-51
- Fri. 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; Matthew 25:1-13
- Sat. 1 Thessalonians 4:9-11; Mark 6:17-29

Sun. Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8 *Moses urged the Israelites to be faithful to the commands of the Lord. They were not to change them in any way but to follow them wisely.*

James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27 *In order for God's word to take root, believers must do more than merely listen to it. They must act upon it.*

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 *Jesus said that nothing coming from outside can make a person impure. Rather, it is the evil coming from within that constitutes impurity.*

Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift

Amount Budgeted: \$17,500.00
Amount Received: August 15/16, 2015
Regular Collection: \$14,213.65

Thank you for your great generosity!

Reflection & Living Stewardship



In today's reading, Joshua challenges the people to decide whom they will serve. Recalling God's faithfulness to them and to their ancestors, the people declare, "We also will serve the Lord, for He is our God." We, too, must be mindful of God's gifts to us and renew our commitment to serve Him with grateful hearts.

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who choose God and service to our neighbor over every other responsibility, want or ambition as an act of good stewardship.

Charismatic Prayer Group

But...you promised!

We've all heard that before! Kids remember! If you make a promise, you'd better be prepared to keep it. To them it's a legal and binding contract! God's promises are real. He loves you. You will always be his child. He will never leave you...***promise!***

Our next meeting is Monday, August 24th at 7:30 PM in the Church. Please call (516) 993-9672 for prayer requests or more information.

HOP Club Winners

8/17/15	#4	Kathy & Geoff Eisenbarth	\$25
8/18/15	#28	James J. Wilson	\$25
8/19/15	#64	George & Rosanna Benasutti	\$25
8/20/15	#419	M/M Gerald Della Rocca	\$25
8/21/15	#231	Timothy G. Raab	\$250



Third Banns

Joseph Gritser & Amanda Sullivan

Second Banns

Michael Delgatto & Shannon Haley

Gary Blanchard & Jennifer De Crescenzo



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

The Pantry is in need of cereal, Rice-a-Roni, boxed or canned potatoes, peas, mixed vegetables, carrots, beef stew, chili, tomato paste, pasta sauce, soups, mayonnaise, oil, brownies, cake mix, jelly, pudding, flour, boxed milk, dish soap, shampoo, toilet paper, tissues, diapers sizes 3 and 6.

If anyone’s garden is providing an abundance of fruits or vegetables, we will gladly accept them.

Thank you for all you do to help our brothers and sisters in need!

Parish Outreach Food Pantry:

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

Week of August 23 - August 29, 2015



Altar Bread & Wine

*In Loving Memory of
 Helen & Henry Ruff*

Week of August 23 - August 29, 2015

Sanctuary Candle

*In Loving Memory of
 Montana & Maggio Families*



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
 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
 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 Baciaska, Lorraine Dennan
 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, Antoinette Diana
 Brendan Donahue, Little Sonny D’Ambrosio, Joann Sescila
 Elsa Ryan, Sarah Messina, Michael Arato, William Martuge
 Deacon Jose Roa, Elizabeth Ryan, Ken Mannion
 Jo Ryan, Linda Malone, Peters Family
 Christine Chiarappa, Michael Kott, Jr., Connie Burgess
 Dolores Miller, Susan Carroll-Goyan, Carol Episcopio
 Cathy Rusch, Samantha McNeil
 Patty & Tom Turano, Antonia Binetti, Tom Doty
 Louie Gandolfo, Fran Brideau, Kevin Connors,
 Jerome Antonucci, Nicholas Amato, Sal Mascolo
 Gerard, Dana, Zachary & Rachel Biggin
 Guido Penafiel, Barry Monteleone, Jean Kelly

Rest in Peace

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

Egidio Giacoia, Daniel Sullivan

The Pastor's Letter

From my experience growing up and sharing with others who grew up at a similar time, I wonder if there was a certain course mothers took, or a mandatory required book for reading on how to speak to your children, because I have found there is certain consistency to some of their favorite sayings. Here are four that come to mind:

- 1) When you were going on a trip to the city (Manhattan was the city if you lived in Brooklyn) or to some other exotic place, my mother would say, 'Make sure you have clean underwear on in case you are in any kind of accident; you don't want to shame the family'.
- 2) If I told my mother I wanted to go somewhere, and she was not going to allow me to go, I would tell her everyone was going. She would respond to this with what I thought was a very strong point by saying, 'If everyone else jumps off of the Brooklyn Bridge, would you jump too'. Since I am not a great swimmer, this argument usually reduced me to silence.
- 3) On our trips to Rockaway Beach and after we ate our baloney sandwiches, we were told to stay out of the water since we might get a cramp if we went in the ocean after eating. I could see if we had a full turkey dinner but I do not think there was any major danger with a small sandwich on white bread with a touch of mustard.
- 4) Finally, the number one statement, the one that closed all debates faster than Meg Kelly talking to Donald Trump was when I challenged my mother's authority and persisted in trying to overturn a decision, and kept asking Why. The verdict would be given. The reason is 'because I said so'.

The last statement 'because I said so' would be called a decision based on the authority of the speaker. When we go to a doctor, he or she checks our blood pressure, studies our blood results, listens to our hearts, talks to us about our aches and pains, and then tells us what to do. We trust the doctor because of their training and education. We go to a car mechanic and are informed we need new brakes for our car. Our first question is how much. Again, most of us are not capable of knowing if we need new breaks or not, we ultimately have to trust that we are being treated fairly.

As you know, we will soon be paving our parking lot. I have been asked if we have a good company. That is a good question since it is your money funding the paving and you are tired of walking on shaky ground. Well, we had a respected engineer study the property and come up with a plan. Our parish building committee made up of parishioners with expertise in business and contracting studied that plan and advised me it was good. We then put the project out to bid and followed the same procedures. The bidder we chose gave us references and presented places where they had done previous work. Finally, we said yes; he would have the job.

As much as we tried to get good information, at some point you make an act of reasoned trust in another person. That is why we are often advised to get second opinions if we are facing some serious medical issue. That is why we are told to shop around for different estimates on major repairs for our home or car. We are intelligent people who can do research on the internet and seek out the counsel of others. However, I have always found there comes a point when no matter how much information you attain, you must make a decision that is a combination of a logical decision making and faith in the one who is telling you what you need to do.

I believe that is what we are hearing in today's Gospel. Jesus is telling his listeners he is the bread of life. He tells them they must eat his flesh and drink his blood to be saved. Now, we have grown somewhat comfortable with the idea of Jesus being in the Eucharist. These people are hearing this for the first time and it is naturally shocking to them. Some wonder if Jesus is a madman. Others wonder if he is speaking in some symbolical way and is not to be taken literally. There is lots of grumbling and murmuring. Even though they had seen him feed five thousand people with a few loaves and fish, and have witnessed miracles over nature and disease, this is too much for many of them.

How does Jesus become present in the Eucharist? I could give you theological presentation based on the thinking of Aristotle and St. Thomas Aquinas and speak to you about transubstantiation, but your eyes may tend to glaze over as I confuse both you and myself with what I am saying. I could recommend to you excellent videos to watch and insightful books to read and they may deepen your understanding of this great mystery, but not all have the time to view such works.

Our Catholic Church since its earliest days, has never weakened or diminished what Jesus had to say about the Eucharist being truly his body and blood. Vatican II called the Holy Eucharist the source and summit of our Catholic life. Catholics throughout history and even now are dying because of their belief in Holy Communion. Some of the oldest words in the New Testament, written maybe twenty or thirty years after Jesus died and rose, speak about the Holy Eucharist.

As Catholics, we seek to be respectful of other faith traditions, especially those who are Christians since we share belief in Jesus Christ as the Son of God in common. However, where we differ with almost all other Christian denominations is in the understanding of Holy Communion. Although some denominations hold Eucharistic liturgies, they believe what they do is symbolic of what Jesus did at the Last Supper.

I love the story of Flannery O'Connor, one of the great Catholic writers of the 20th century. She was at a dinner party and one of the other guests said to her, the Catholic Mass and Eucharist is such a lovely symbol, is it not? Flannery responded, "if it is only a symbol, then the hell with it!" She was a fierce believer in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

As I said, sooner or later we must trust someone. We can study and question and wonder, but then we place our trust in someone. I, like you, have chosen to trust Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who came to earth by the power of the Holy Spirit. This is what he told us about the Eucharist we are celebrating today and at all Masses:

Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Amen."

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

Block Party Raffle

New York Yankee Tickets

- 2 Yankee Tickets vs the Baltimore Orioles 1:05 p.m. Sept. 7th
- 2 Yankee Tickets vs the Baltimore Orioles 7:05 p.m. Sept. 9th
- 2 Yankee Tickets vs the Boson Red Sox 7:05 p.m. Sept. 28th

New York Mets Tickets

- 2 Mets Tickets vs The Florida Marlins 7:10 p.m. Sept. 14th
- 2 Mets Tickets vs Florida Marlins 7:10 p.m. Sept. 15th
- 2 Mets Tickets vs Atlanta Braves 7:10 p.m. Sept. 23rd

New York Football Giant Tickets

Tickets with Parking Giants vs Redskins 8:25 p.m. Sept. 24th

The above prizes will be drawn on September 1st

Sports Memorabilia

- 1 Hockey Stick signed by New York Ranger Rich Nash
- 1 Basketball signed by New York Knick Carmelo Anthony

GRAND PRIZE

For Six Months, your own parish personal parking spot with your name on the sign next to the rectory.

From October 9, 2015 until March 11, 2016.

Includes Christmas **and** Ash Wednesday.

(Think of the possibilities: rent the spot to others, tailgate on the space, fine anyone who parks in your spot, store goods on the spot. What a prize!)

The Sports Memorabilia, a Basket of Cheer, and Grand Prize will be drawn on the day of the Block Party.

**Raffle Prices: \$2.00 per ticket, 3 for \$5.00, 7 for \$10.00
Beginning this weekend, August 22 & 23, Raffles are being sold after all weekend Masses, including at the Block Party.**



Celebrating Paving the Way for Christ

We are more than halfway home with the capital campaign. Due to your great generosity, all goes well. Three of the major projects - the school bricks, the school roof, and the paving of our parking lots will be soon completed.

Let Us Celebrate as a Parish!

Sunday, October 4th

**The 1:00 p.m. Mass will CELEBRATE the 30th anniversary of
The Ordination of Deacon James Biggin**

**We Will Bless the Newly Paved Parking Lot
after the 1:00 p.m.**

**These Happy Events Will Be Followed by our
Parish Block Party with Food and Drink!**

Good Weather Forecasted!

**Television Will Be Available to
Watch the Mets in the Playoffs!**

Paving the Way for Christ – The Parking Lot Project

Although it was more than two years ago, it seems to me like yesterday that I was nervously standing in the pulpit at Mass asking you the parishioners to fund a Capital Campaign. You have done this in an amazing and generous way. We have completed two major projects, the brick work on the school and its new roof. I am happy to say that we will soon have a blessing of the newly renovated Parish Outreach Center that will be named after Mother Theresa that was also part of the campaign.

Now at long last, we are ready to begin what is one of greatest needs: the repair and paving of the parish parking lot. This is an extensive project that will remove eight inches of the present paved areas and replace it completely with new paving. **This project will start this Monday, August 24th.** We have done our best to address the needs of the parking lots, using the recommendation of the parish building committee, hiring the engineering company, a process of bidding and then the hiring of a well-reviewed company named the Romano Paving Company.

We will do the paving in two phases: first we will do the church parking lot, and then we will do the school parking lot. Since this work involves far more than just paving with asphalt, it will take a number of weeks to complete this project. I know that will cause inconvenience to many, but we do not want a rush job. We want to make every effort to get it right. I have no exact date when it will be completed, but I have been assured that the work will be completed no later than the end of September. The project schedule is obviously affected by poor weather so we pray for good weather. Your safety is always a major concern of mine.

- In the first phase of the paving the Church parking lot, the only entrances to the Church will be the main entrance on Central Avenue and the side door near the bathroom. This will be the only way in and out of the church when the paving begins. We will leave the side door open during the day and close it after 9:00 p.m. for those who like to slip into the Church during the week for private prayer.
- I am concerned about the fact that we will not have handicapped accessibility for those who need it, so the 1:00 p.m. Mass, while the Church parking lot is being done, will be in St. Alphonsus Hall since there are no steps from the Seaman Ave entrance. I know that this gives only one Mass for those who cannot deal with steps, but I think it is the best we can do.
- The regular entrance to the rectory office will be closed during church parking lot paving. However, the rectory will be open with its usual hours. You can come to the rectory through the door on Seaman Ave. There will be a bell in place.
- Once the Church parking lot is done and the process moves to the school parking lot, we can go back to our regular use of the doors to the Church and rectory. I would understand during this time if you feel it more practical to go to another local Catholic Church. However, I hope you can stick with your faith community during this short-termed time of inconvenience.

God bless St. Martin of Tours Parishioners. Father Pat



The Blessing of the Animals will be Sunday, September 27th at 2:15.



**HELP OUR PARISH - H.O.P. Club
NEW MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION**

The HOP Club is a fundraiser that is used to support the operating expenses of the parish. New members are always welcome to join the HOP Club. The dues are \$60 per year beginning September 1 and ending August 31 each year. A number is assigned to each member (this number is not the same as your envelope number), and every week there is a drawing. If your number is chosen, a check will be mailed to your home address and your name will be published in our bulletin. You can win as many times as your number is drawn during the fiscal year.

NEW MEMBERS please fill out this form and send it to St. Martin of Tours Rectory, HOP Club, 40 Seaman Avenue, Bethpage NY 11714 along with your check or money order PAYABLE TO ST. MARTIN OF TOURS HOP CLUB for \$60.

If our current members have not received their renewal, please call the rectory at 931-0818.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____



Divine Mercy Novena

**Every Friday at 2:00 p.m.
in the Eucharistic Chapel**

ALL ARE WELCOME!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

There is no Adoration hosted by our Youth Ministry during the summer months.

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

Last Call!

If anyone would like to write something about Father Henry, please email either Father Pat at woodscsr@aol.com or Genny at gamit1946@hotmail.com.

Or stop by the rectory. Please have your notes in by Monday, August 24th.

BRING YOUR SCHOOL BAGS OR BACK PACKS

There will be a blessing of all school children at the 10:00 Mass on Sunday August 30th!

Bring your new school bags or back packs to Mass. There's no better way to begin the new school year!



Celebrating Father Henry

There will be a Mass to thank Father Henry for his ten years of ministry at St. Martin of Tours. **Please join him on Sunday, September 20th at the 1PM Mass.**

There will be a reception in St. Alphonsus Hall to follow.

LIFE LINE SCREENING

ST. ALPHONSUS HALL - WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30th

St. Martin of Tours Church is pleased to offer a preventive health event. Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will host their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings on 9/30/2015. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis.

Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners.**

Liturgical Ministry Training

1. TRAINING FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: required for all those who are beginning as Ministers. Session "A" is required of ALL Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Those who minister in hospitals, nursing homes and to homebound persons are required to attend Session "B" in addition to Session "A". Session "A" must be attended prior to Session "B".

TO REGISTER FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER TRAINING: the pastor must send a letter to Bishop Murphy requesting the training for each person attending. **Do not use the tear-off below.** **This letter must mention the date and place of the training session the person will attend.**

2. TRAINING FOR LECTORS: PLEASE USE THE TEAR-OFF BELOW.

TIMES AND PLACES FOR MINISTRY TRAINING:

**In Nassau: EM "A" Session and Lectors
ENGLISH AND SPANISH
October 17, 2015; 9 AM—1 PM
Kellenberg Memorial High School, Uniondale**

**In Suffolk: EM "A" Session and Lectors
ENGLISH AND SPANISH
October 3, 2015; 9 AM—1 PM
McGann Mercy High School, Riverhead**

**"B" session for Extraordinary Ministers
October 24, 2015; 9 AM—1 PM
Kellenberg Memorial High School, Uniondale**

**"B" Session for Extraordinary Ministers
November 7, 2015; 9 AM—1 PM
McGann Mercy High School, Riverhead**

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

Session "A" - Wednesday, October 14, 2015; 7:00—10 PM
Session "B" - Wednesday, November 4, 2015; 7:00—10 PM

WORKSHOP FEES:

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: \$30 per person
Lectors: \$20 per person

REGISTRATION FORM FOR LECTOR TRAINING ONLY

Mail this registration to the Office of Worship, PO Box 9023, Rockville Centre, NY 11571-9023,
e-mail to worship@drvc.org, or fax to 516-764-3316.

I wish to register for Lector Training

- Kellenberg Memorial High School, Uniondale (Saturday, October 17, 2015)
- McGann Mercy High School, Riverhead (Saturday, October 3, 2015)
- St. Elizabeth, Melville (Wednesday, October 14, 2015)

Name Phone

Parish Town

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
 MAJ Erika Holownia, US Army
 PO3 Matthew Sadecki, USCG
 SGT Zachary John Sheehy, USMC
 PVT Travis Ruggiero, US Army
 CPL Dennis Diesel, USMC
 L CPL James Kruper, USMC
 SPC 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 Battiatia, 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
 SSG George Howard, US Army
 LT Mario Lopes, USMC

Summer Bible Camp

One of the summer highlights here at St. Martin's is our Summer Bible Camp that runs for a week in August. This year we had 22 children (ages 5-8) in the morning and 12 children (ages 9-13) in the evening session. We pray with the children, teach them in a fun way about the Bible, do arts and crafts, play outside, watch videos, and have a snack (my favorite part of the camp). The children, who sometimes come with some reluctance that it is going to be that deadly word *bor-ing*, really seem to enjoy the time with the staff and the other children. This year the evening children put on a play based on the Prodigal Son with the younger son running away to New York to become a Mikey Mouse Impersonator. After the poor son is ripped off by several con artists, including a Yankee fan, Mr. Met saves him and sends him back to his loving Father who welcomes him with a great pizza party. The children also learned how to sign the Hail Mary in ASL.



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I am so very grateful to our staff under the direction of Pat Astarita. Pat and her team meet several months before the camp to plan out the programs in great detail. I am so moved by how loving and kind they are to each child. We have a great blessing in our Bible Camp Staff. Thank you to Lois Burn, Marliese Coveney, Marilyn Walther, Pat Ricci, Kathy and John Brolly (assistant director of photography), Connie Gutbrod, Kristine Stasiewicz, Rosemary Curtin, Josephine Colucci, Kay O'Brien Joyce, and Matthew Wing. We also had wonderful younger camp counselors: Juliana Sammarco, Aidan Terracciano, and J.P. Cheslowitz.

I also want to express deep gratitude to parishioners who made donations to the camp: Marie Romeo, Ann Mele, Mary McCaffrey, Toni Terracciano, Gerry Matulewich, and Debbie Mekalainas. I want to offer a special word of thanks to Tom Frost (L.I. Athletics) who donates our beautiful camp tee shirts, and to his wife Kathy who taught a great class on *The Sower and the Seed*.



**There will be a holy hour before the Blessed Sacrament on
Thursday, August 27th at 3:00 p.m.**

**You are invited to spend an hour, or part of an hour
in prayer before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.**

- Father Pat

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

A PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE

Lord, we pray for the power to be gentle, the strength to be forgiving, the patience to be understanding, and the endurance to accept the consequences of holding what we believe is right. May we put our trust in the peace of GOOD, to overcome EVIL and power to love to overcome hatred. We pray for the vision to see the FAITH to believe in a world emancipated from violence, a new world where fear shall no longer lead men to commit injustice, nor selfishness making them bring suffering to others.

Help us to devote our whole LIFE and thought and energy to the task of making peace, praying always for the INSPIRATION and the power to fulfill the destiny for which we and all men were created. Amen.

Dear Parishioners of St. Martin of Tours,

Greetings and God's blessings to you all!

We take this opportunity to express our deepest gratitude for the love and support you gave to us as missionaries during our visit to your parish.

May God who is never outdone in His generosity reward all of you 100% plus.

Yours, in the Mission of Christ
Sister Regina, Sister Ann and Sister Rose
Sisters of Mary Immaculate

Annual Redemptorist Spirituality Retreat Weekend

September 4 – 6, 2015

San Alfonso Retreat House, Long Branch New Jersey

Call for reservations (732) 222-2731

Cost: \$200.00 per person

Father John McGowan CSSR and Father Patrick Woods CSSR will be leading the annual Redemptorist Spirituality Weekend at San Alfonso Retreat House. This relaxing retreat is for Redemptorist Lay Missionaries, Associates, Family and Friends of Redemptorists, Staff and Parishioners in our Parishes and anyone who wishes to deepen their understanding of Redemptorist Spirituality.

The weekend begins with supper on Friday, September 4th at 6:00 p.m. and concludes with lunch at 12:00 p.m. on Sunday. For reservations call San Alfonso Retreat House during business hours Monday to Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Bring Your Bible and your Bathing Suit!



Prayer and Fun in the Sun

*The weekend combines periods of prayer, quiet,
and time for fun and relaxation.*

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

FOR HELP IN A CRISIS PREGNANCY
 Call Diana Hart Mirando
 (C) 830-5077 (H) 605-1979


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 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

St. Martin of Tours Men's Bowling League

New season starts Labor Day week. New bowlers and teams welcome. This is a 3-man league at Syosset Lanes. 8:30 PM Thursday nights.

Call Jim Moran at (516) 931-8903 for more information.



Life Teen will resume holding Life Nights in September. Check back here for more info coming soon!

Edge will resume meetings in the fall. Have a safe & fun filled summer!

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.

St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School is offering a Prep Course to prepare students for the Catholic High School Entrance Exam.

The fee is \$275 payable to St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School. The address is 1170 Montauk Highway, W. Islip 11795. For more information please visit www.stjohnthebaptistdhs.net or call (631) 587-8000 ext. 117.

The five 2 1/2 hour sessions are as follows:

Four Saturday Classes from 8AM - 10:30AM
September 26, October 3
October 17 and October 24

One Wednesday Class, October 28th
from 6PM - 8:30PM

Features include small class size; 12.5 hours taught by experience SJB Math and English teachers; Test-taking strategies; sample test administered and grades; review all areas covered on the exam; all materials included in the fee.



Christian Mothers Rosary Confraternity (CMRC)

“Welcome Back Night!”

The General Meeting will be Tuesday, September 8th at 7:30PM to celebrate our Blessed Mother’s birthday followed by our Welcome Back Gift Swap. Please bring a “new” wrapped gift worth \$10. Refreshments will be served.

Any woman wishing to see what we are all about are most welcome to come and join in the festivities.

If you would like to become a member, please speak to Mary Colavolpe at 495-4408 or Janet Dion at 433-9340. Christian Mothers dues are still \$10 per year.

St. Dominic High School
2015 Catholic High School Entrance
Exam Prep Course

September 12, 19, and
 October 3, 10, and 24
 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Course Fee \$250

Contact Mrs. Stutzmann
 (516) 922-4888 ext. 5241

Our bulletin incorrectly stated that St. Vincent de Paul, located at Garden City Park, was connected to the Pope Francis Hospitality Center. It is not. The Hospitality Center is in Elmont. Please see corrected info to donate or shop at the locations below:

SVDPLI Store Locations:

**2160 Jericho Turnpike, Garden City Park NY (516) 746-8250
(enter New Hyde Park if you use GPS)
OPEN MON-SAT 10-6**

**1705 Jericho Turnpike, Huntington NY (631) 858-0380
OPEN MON-SAT 10-6**

**1425A New York Avenue, Huntington Station (631) 385-1226
OPEN MON-SAT 9-5**

To arrange furniture, clothing, cars and other donated materials for pick-up, please call (516) 746-8250 (Nassau) or 1 800 884-7837 (Suffolk).

You can also visit on line at <http://www.svdprvc.org/thrift-stores.html>. Follow the links. St. Vincent de Paul will review your donation request.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Aug 22/23 & 29/30: Block Party Raffle Sale in Church after All Masses
- Aug 30: Blessing of School Children & New Back Packs 10AM Mass Church
- Sept 4: First Friday 7PM Church
- Sept 5: First Saturday 8:30AM Church
- Sept 4-6: Summer Retreat at San Alfonso Retreat House, Long Branch NJ
- Sept 8: Youth Ministry Adoration Holy Hour 7PM Church
- Sept 8: Christian Mothers Welcome Back Night 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Sept 20: Fr. Henry's Mass of Thanksgiving 1PM Church with Reception to Follow
- Sept 27: Blessing of the Animals 2:15PM (due to Parish Picnic on Oct. 4th)
- Sept 30: Life Line Screening begins at 9AM St. Alphonsus Hall
Pre-registration required. Call Life Line Screening at 1-866-579-5069
- Oct 4: Deacon Jim Biggin's 30th Anniversary Mass 1PM Church
- Oct 4: PARISH PICNIC 2PM School Parking Lot

**The Catholic Counseling Center
12 Ryder Court, Dix Hills NY 11746**

Professional therapy, provided by NYS licensed therapists, is available to our parish and 147 other parishes. This program, under the direction of George A. Giuliani, PhD, Director/Psychologist, is provided by the Catholic Counseling Center which is independent of and not controlled or supervised by the parish or the diocese.

Most insurance policies, including Medicare, are honored. Confidential information and appointments are available by calling **Dr. Giuliani at 631-243-2503.**

You may visit his website at
<http://thecatholiccounselingcenter.com>

GLUTEN, PEANUT & DAIRY FREE HOSTS

St. Martin's always has a supply of hosts available for anyone who is allergy-sensitive to these types of foods.

Please seek out the sacristan **before mass** so that the priest is prepared to include it for consecration. Please be sure to follow this procedure every time you attend mass.



**Diocese of Rockville Centre
Golden Wedding Liturgy**

Honoring Couples Married 50 Years or More

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4th - St. Rose of Lima, Massapequa

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8th - Christ the King, Commack

Both Liturgies will begin at 2:30PM/Couples may register for ONE liturgy

Please fill out a form at the rectory or call 931-0818. The office staff will have it signed by Father Pat and will send it to the Office of Worship.

**Registration for the October 4th liturgy must be received by Sept. 18th
Registration for the November 8th liturgy must be received by October 23rd**

Approximately one week before the liturgy, you will be mailed a letter confirming your registration and directions. There will be reserved seating for the registered couple only. Family and friends will be seated on a first come-first served basis.

After the liturgy, there will be an opportunity to have a photo taken with the celebrating bishop if you wish. You will be mailed a complimentary photo and certificate approximately four to six weeks after the liturgy.