



Recently you knew Father Henry has been transferred to the Provincial House in Brooklyn to work as the Province Secretary and the Assistant Financial Treasurer of our Province. Both of these positions are very important to the life and mission of our order. The Province Secretary keeps and records the official documents of the Province, handles a great deal of internal communication among the confreres, and keeps important materials updated for all of us. The Assistant Financial Officer has a very serious responsibility, along with the Treasurer to manage our funds, provide for our health care, managing all our properties and cars, all our insurances, and all matters of finances. The Provincial and his Council saw Father Henry had these skills and abilities to deal with these responsibilities and gave him this new assignment. I am sure all the confreres in our Province are grateful Father Henry has

accepted these serious ministries.

The Redemptorists' gain is our parish's loss. Father Henry Sattler served at St. Martin's for ten years. During that time, the people of the parish came to love him for his pastoral care, his preaching, his dedication to the young, his visits to the sick, his ministry in RCIA, his work with the St. Vincent de Paul Society, his leadership ability in the Pro-Life Ministry, and his care of our practical problems that affected our buildings and properties. He is a good and zealous priest who always had time for anyone in need. I know he will be missed by the staff, the parishioners and our Redemptorist community.

I know that Father Henry was a great assistant to Father John Tizio since it was his first time serving as pastor, and Father John was most grateful for his help and guidance. Father Henry also was very helpful in my transition to parish life. I was Provincial when Father Thomas Schmidt was dying of cancer. Father Henry was so very supportive of Father Tom and his family. He was such a blessing to Father Tom as he helped him enter into eternal life.

So, we say thank you to God for the ten years of life and ministry Father Henry Sattler so generously shared with the parishioners, staff and Redemptorist community here at St. Martin's. We promise him our prayers and love as he goes forth to serve in other ministries of the Church and the Redemptorists. Since our confreres from the Provincial are assisting us regularly on weekends, we look forward to seeing Father Henry and having him celebrate Mass in the parish.

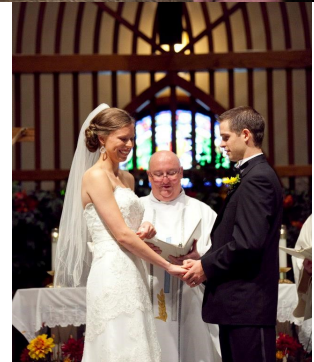
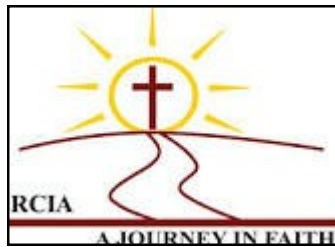
May Mary, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, lead Father Henry as he follows Jesus the Redeemer.

Father Pat, Father Jim, and Father Ciya

It's all about YOU loving US!!

Thank you, Father Henry, for everything you have been to this parish...leading our teens closer to Christ...keeping our Unborn in the forefront in the fight against abortion...giving us our First Holy Communion...hearing our confessions...offering up our gifts in the Sacrifice of the Mass...baptizing our children...sharing your joy with those coming into Full Communion at the Easter Vigil...listening to your homilies...officiating at our weddings...visiting us in the hospital and praying with our loved ones in hospice...praising God with us in Eucharistic Adoration...listening to us...leading the church donations counting team...working with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul...praying with us in happy times and in sad times...giving us your "take on things" when we come to you confused...sharing so many of your wonderful kitchen creations...and just being our dear friend. We hope you enjoy some of the sentiments from the people of St. Martin of Tours in the following pages. God bless you!

It's all about US loving YOU!



Ten years ago we were blessed to receive a new priest to our Parish. He had an infectious smile and laugh, which made us feel like he had been with us all along. He was a tribute to all the Redemptorists that have previously served at St. Martin before him, and he quickly won our hearts.

His soup was clearly a favorite at the Soup Suppers, much sought after, and usually the "first" to go. Always a "hands on" person, his many talents added the special touches in the parish. It has been such a privilege to have served on the same Team with Father Henry in the Baptism Program. He brought so much to the Program, and to the families of the children that were about to receive Baptism. It is with great sadness that we have to say good-bye to Father Henry, but know what great contributions he will make in his new assignment. - With much love, Pat and Lori Ricci

Dear Father Henry,

Your presence here at St. Martin's has been both a blessing and a joy – a blessing because of your compassion, dedication and inspiring homilies – a joy to see how very much you love and are loved by the people of this parish.

When I had my double knee surgery, your many visits to the hospital and at home was such a comfort and helped to hasten my recovery. I am so blessed that God made you a part of my life. On a personal note, your friendship has been a very special gift – a gift that I will always cherish. May God bless you as you enter into a "new career." - Love and prayers, Marliese

To Father Henry,

Ten good years we have enjoyed with you. All best wishes for the future. We love you and will miss you.

Love Joe Lang and Family

Dear Father Henry,

I was both happy and sad when I read you were leaving. Happy - because you were starting a new adventure and sad - because you were leaving St. Martin's. I really enjoyed your visits to my home. Father, I wish you luck and success in your new assignment. God be with you always. - Sincerely Joan Granville

Dear Father Henry,

You will be missed by all at St. Martin's. I am so grateful for all of your thoughtful and well delivered sermons. I am particularly grateful for your technical knowledge and for being so willing to help with any computer problems that we've had at the Pantry. Please know that you have made a positive difference here at St. Martin's. I wish you Godspeed and much happiness in your new assignment. - Peggy Sobier

Recently I purchased a sympathy card for a dear friend. I was overcome with her pain as I too had lost my husband. Father Henry saw my discomfort and took me aside, listening and giving me sound advice. When I left, I felt so much better. I know his days are full and busy but he gave me his time. Thank you, Father Henry. Good luck and God bless. - Mrs. Joan Redka

Dear Father Henry,

To say we will miss you is an understatement! You have graced our church and our lives and we are grateful to our good God for having sent you to us at SMT for a time. Easter Vigil will never be the same without that silky smooth voice of your to lead us through the darkness and into the light of Christ! You have encouraged us to better the best in our lives with Jesus and our God and for that gift we are truly thankful. We are going to miss your (ever present) big smile and warm handshake at the end of Mass. Father Henry, may God bless and protect you as we keep you in our hearts and our prayers.

- With love and prayers, Linda and Eddie Segretto

Dear Father Henry,

Thank you for your thoughtful, provoking homilies. I always take something to think about away from them. I will miss seeing your smile and friendly face after Mass in the morning.

Good Luck in your new position! The Redemptorist Order are fortunate to have such a skilled Priest.

Love, Roberta and Mike Grieco

The Respect Life Committee would like to thank Father Henry for his dedication to all stages of life from conception to natural death. He has been a champion for the unborn, the elderly, and all those that are vulnerable and need care and direction.

He has been a joy, a friend, our spiritual advisor, and a true warrior in this fight for life and religious freedom. We will always hold him dear, and thank God for the 10 years he sat with us as a committee.

With sadness and love, we will truly miss him and always keep him in our prayers.

Dear Father Henry,

I will miss you very much at St. Martin's. I enjoyed your sermons. I wish you good luck with your new position.

Sincerely, Judy Dennis

Dear Father Henry,

I knew I liked you the first time I smelled home baked bread coming from the rectory kitchen. Then I liked you even more when I smelled **anything** you cooked, baked, broiled or roasted. I thought, "how awesome that this new priest can not only give a really, really good homily, but can also cook really, really well!" The rest of the parish found this out at our Soup Suppers. I almost knocked over four people trying to get to your amazing soup because I knew it would be gone in no time.

As time went on, we became good friends. And then I had an idea! Invite you and my closest friends over for **my** cooking! And you graciously accepted! Yikes!! I was both happy and terrified because I knew I couldn't measure up to your magnificence in the kitchen! So I decided to make a roast beef dinner. How bad could that be? How bad? Well for one thing, I could overcook it into oblivion, especially since you like it rare! I couldn't back out now. The pressure was on! Well, you know what happened. You said that it was the best roast beef you ever had. And you **meant** it 'cause you asked for seconds! And you're a priest, so I have to believe you. But more than just your good food is your friendship – always there to listen to my gripes, complaints and anxieties. Always there to pray for my family when things aren't going so well and joyful when they are. I will miss you, but always know where you can get a roast beef dinner – the best you ever had! - Love and prayers, Genny Mitchell

Dear Father Henry,

The Csajko family moved to a new home in Bethpage in June of 1951. Almost immediately, Bill became a member of the Adoration Society and worked on the fundraising for the new school. We went to Church every Sunday and ate fish on Friday. It never seemed unusual that my Dad, sister and I were Catholic and my Mom was Presbyterian. She went to Church with us and did everything we did. It was only years later, when I went to St. Dominic's and the nuns used to ask why I didn't get my Mother to convert, that I realized we were different. But I loved my Mother and she was a wonderful woman and her religion was her choice. I even came to know that she and my Father were not allowed to get married on the altar in the Catholic Church.

But she saw to it that our Catholic faith was a mainstay in our lives. In 2011, at the age of 91, she shocked me. My Father had passed away a few years earlier and Mom was living with me. We still went to the 7 o'clock Mass on Saturday, as she had done with my Dad. Driving home, after Father Henry's sermon, she said she wanted to convert and do it before I had knee surgery scheduled for 2 weeks later. I would do anything I could for my Mother but that didn't seem possible. However, the next day we went to see Father Henry with her request. She had been baptized in the Presbyterian Church and we had the certificate. He gave us a theology book that seemed impossible. But we read portions of it every night. Mom had started with some memory problems and the theology was very difficult for her to remember and understand. But we plugged away at it until I went to see Father Henry again and said it was just too hard for her to understand and remember. He said he'd talk to the new pastor, Father Pat when he got a chance.

I wound up in the hospital for more than a year and my Mother had to go into an assisted living. She kept trying to read her book when she was there. Suddenly, one morning, she said she came downstairs and Father Henry was there to convert her. When I awoke several months later, that was the first thing she told me....now she was a Catholic too and she said her rosary every day, so that I would get better. When she left us last November, it was comforting to know that after all of these years, she was truly with my father, thanks to the help of Father Henry. She always said she knew you could do it! - Barbara Casey

Dear Father Henry –

Remembering our times of peace and joy with you

I especially remember when my mother, Anne Scotti had passed away. You came to do the wake service for us and asked me to tell you about her life and her nature. I have never had a question like that asked of me which pleased and comforted me. Then you proceeded to give a beautiful service.

All through the years I have watched and seen your dedication to and for the teens, Right to Life, and the parishioners always ready to serve Our Lord no matter how you felt. We enjoyed each other's sense of humor, art and music. I think it is going to be hard to fill all that you have done at St. Martin's. (maybe if we get five more priests! Ha Ha!) Love and Prayers, Pat Dralus

I remember when Father Henry arrived with Father Tizio. Father Tizio was more open than Father Henry, but as you got to know him, you realized what a fine person he was. He suffered through his cancer with no complaints and when life was beginning to get him down, he very elegantly wrote a column informing the parishioners that he would be away for a while.

However, three years ago Father Henry performed my granddaughter, Heather and her fiancé Matt's wedding ceremony. Heather wanted it at St. Martin of Tours having grown up here and received her sacraments here. They resided in Harrisburg PA as Matt had received a teaching job in a community college in Harrisburg. Knowing the difficulty to travel here, they did their pre-nuptial training in PA.

The night of the rehearsal there were some problems, however Father Henry never got excited and helped with their decisions. The day of the wedding, he performed the most beautiful Mass and gave them such a beautiful homily and blessing.

I have kept him informed of their life as both Heather and Matt are constantly asking how he is doing. They have one child who will be one in September. His blessing to them on their wedding day will always be remembered. - Marilyn Loeven

First I would like to say that Father Henry's pleasant spirit will certainly be missed! I would like to share the following thought for Father Henry:

Whenever I attended a Sunday Mass celebrated by Father Henry, the part which I will always remember will be the jovial high spirited way he would say "lift up your hearts!" It was as if Father Henry's voice had wings, the spirit of which I carry in my heart of hearts! So, thank you very much Father Henry for always lifting my heart and spirit. I will miss you. The congregation where you're headed is fortunate and in for a real treat! Best of love and luck. - Sincerely, Nancy Burn

Father Henry was very comforting to my husband and me. When I was first diagnosed with cancer, he was kind enough to bless me with oil! There were other times when I received his blessings. He made a difference. I am not cured but I will continue to pray and be grateful to Father Henry and all our caring priests! - Dorothy Duke

Father Henry has always been available whenever we needed advice, consoling, or direction. He is easy to speak with and has always been helpful, compassionate, and sincere. He said my 4 year old grandson's funeral. That was not an easy task, but with the help of Deacon Tom, we all got through it. We enjoy Father's sermons at mass. We will miss him very much.

May God bless him on his new appointment. - Betty & Mike Croan

From the time Father George Keaveney led his Redemptorist priests into our parish, we have been blessed with a wonderful group of men that have become an important and loving part of our community. Father Henry with his longevity made his service especially welcome.

Two personal attributes that come to mind were his sincere concern for any problems we brought to him after Mass or at other times when we sought his guidance. Recently we asked him for his blessing as we celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary. Without any hesitation he spoke of our accomplishments towards each other and raising our children as part of God's plan. This, coupled with his prayers for our future life together, made us feel special.

On a personal note, I really have enjoyed spending the last several years as part of the weekly donation counting team. While the team members always treated him with the respect all priests deserve, he held up his end of all the joking and camaraderie that goes on each Monday!

We wish him well in his new position and look forward to visiting him in Bay Ridge. May God continue to bless him in all future roles. - Anne & John Eastwood

Dear Father Henry,

We have been touched by your kindness and gentle spirit. You have been an inspiration to all at St. Martin's. You are truly a holy man of God. God bless you and may Our Mother of Perpetual Help watch over you.

- Sincerely, Margaret & Joe Bissonette

I have always appreciated Father Henry's intelligence. He is a very bright and thoughtful person which is evident in his weekly sermons. However the thing that sticks with me the most about him is when he shared with the congregation that he was struggling with depression and was going to be away for a while to get treatment.

There is still such a stigma about mental illness in this country and his willingness to openly acknowledge it was courageous of him. His actions may help someone else to get treatment. I will always be grateful to him for sharing something so personal about himself with us.

- Mary Cavaciuti

Father Henry was new to our parish when my aunt died in Florida. She was originally from New York and wanted to be buried here with her husband. Her daughter, Diane, flew her cremains to Bethpage. It was Father Henry's first funeral mass at St. Martin of Tours.

His ever so pleasant smile and demeanor was greatly appreciated. Thank you, Father Henry, and God bless you! We will all miss you. - Patricia Durante

Although Father Henry never performed weddings, funerals, or other personal events for our family, we just wanted to say that we will never forget the way he touched our lives.

His **enthusiasm and passion** really came across to us when he performed mass which showed how much he was dedicated to the church. That **enthusiasm and passion** that he exuded made you want to come to church every week. He also expressed and/or what came across was, it's not enough to just come to church. It's the other things that you do after mass that also have an effect in your life (e.g. taking time out of your day to pray to God, being kind to people, reading the bible & forgiveness).

In closing, he didn't just go through the motions of doing mass. He wasn't a nine to five guy. He did more than what was required. We are going to miss him. Sincerely, The Ambrosio Family

Father Henry, you have been a wonderful gift to St. Martin of Tours. You are so very gentle and calming when you speak to us whether it be your homily, a story or presentation. You listen carefully and quietly and respond in a way that is comfortable and peaceful. You always have a greeting when you see us and your smile and your face just light up as you speak. Father Henry, you are THE NICEST – SWEETEST – KINDEST! God bless you! Rosemary Curtin

Maureen and I had the privilege of running Faith Jam a few years ago and were very lucky and blessed to have Father Henry's support, inspiration and involvement. No matter how busy he was Father Henry always made time for the kids and us. He taught with a soft touch and livened up the atmosphere whenever he was around. We had pictures of him from our back yard picnic and had a musical chairs activity. We also have a picture of him from our last meeting and the rainbow that we saw just before we started the meeting. Father Henry made a huge difference, and he's going to be sorely missed.

We have appreciated Father Henry's involvement with the youth ministries. He was always there at Edge and Life Teen meetings and activities to support the kids and add a bit of hilarity. Whether it was a Thanksgiving meal, Edge Retreat, sports activity, fundraiser or a chance meeting in the grocery store, he always offered a warm greeting and was very sincere. His presence and dedication to our children was a special blessing to our congregation.

The Maggio Family

As a choir member since 1995, I will miss Father Henry for his acapella singing abilities at Christmas and Easter liturgies. He always managed to stay right on pitch with whatever key he chose to sing in. Great job! I marveled at this gift of his, and will always think of him especially at these Masses. He has enlightened us with his contributions to St. Martin of Tours Parish. Thank you and God bless you, Father Henry!

- Andy Lomuscio

When I learned that Father Henry grew up without a mother at such an early age, I was amazed at how he had become such a wonderful person and priest. I thoroughly enjoy listening to his homilies which are so inspirational. If I missed one, I felt the week was not complete. -Tita Calingasan

My family and I remember with fond memories Father Henry Sattler. He came to visit my very sick husband at the hospital on a very cold and snowy winter's night in December and then he celebrated a funeral mass for John in January 2009. Just having him there gave us all a sense of peace and we are all very grateful. Very truly yours, Mrs. Mary Lois Bravo

What can I say? Father Henry is moving onto a new assignment taking him to the Provincial House in Brooklyn. I am sure he will be wonderful in his work there and I wish him God's richest blessings in all he does. BUT...He won't be here and I will miss him. Having him at St. Martin's has been a blessing to our parish and to me personally and I will always be grateful to him for his kindness and attention to my Mom until her death. I will cherish those memories always as well as all the laughs. Again, good luck Father Henry in all you do. Love, Amy

Dear Father Henry,

Three years ago after an unexpected and serious operation, I was fortunate to come out of the fog of anesthesia to see your friendly presence which had the effect of lowering my anxiety. My wife and I were so grateful for that visit and for your words of comfort. We have seen your words and ways have a similar effect especially with the children whom you treat so well at their Sunday Mass. A life helping the young, the ill and all your parishioners is a life well spent. We wish you well in your new assignment and thank you immensely for being in our lives, caring for us these past ten years. May God bless you always.

Dear Father Henry,

It has been a pleasure to prepare so many masses for you throughout the years. Thank you for being there for me and my family. I especially remember how kind you were when my children's father passed away. You did the Mass for the benefit of my family and we will always be grateful as you helped us with closure.

You did so many things for our parish - Right to Life and Life Teen to name just a few. God bless you always in your new position.

Love, Susanne Gottman-Mafri

Father Henry - may recognize me by sight as one of St. Martin's parishioners. I would occasionally attend Mass on Christmas and Easter in my adult life. I came from a parish served by priests of the diocese of Queens. At the time I lived in Bethpage eight years and after a few months of turmoil in my life, I decided to attend a Mass at St. Martin's. (probably just that one time). Father Henry had this Mass. I thought after listening to his sermon - now seven years later - I don't specifically recall what the Gospel or sermon was about - BUT what I do remember is I left St. Martin's feeling good and thought that this was such a good Mass and homily. I know I went to Mass that Sunday looking for some kind of peace. I felt that Father Henry gave me a sense of being welcome, that Jesus loves all of us and is here for us, that we should be open to hear His Word.

Father Henry's Mass was very different from the Masses I had attended in my parish in Queens many, many years ago. I went back the following Sunday and had the same priest who I came to know as Father Henry and again the next few Masses after that. Father Henry's homilies were with warmth, kindness, discussing the readings and making them part of our life today; making them easy to understand, to listen, to follow Our Lord. I remember listening and thinking how nonjudgmental but encouraging and interesting his homily was. Eventually as I continued to attend St. Martin's on Sunday, there was also Father John and Father Jim. BUT it was because of Father Henry when attending my very first Mass as St. Martin's in 2008, that Father Henry had reached me, and I started coming back to attending Church and to the Eucharist. I have now come to love St. Martin's and the Redemptorists, the way they preach, welcoming all, guiding us, reminding us that God is merciful and loving.

There was not a wedding, a baptism, special event or anything obvious that Father Henry would know that he helped someone in some way, this was just an ordinary Sunday - but a Sunday that brought me back. I am sure I am one of many that Father Henry has touched, helped, renewed their faith and made it stronger during your time here at St. Martin's without you even knowing it.

Thank you, Father Henry. There was a saying from when I was a teenager (a very long time ago!) but I remember it well and I think it defines what I am trying to say - "You have touched me; I have grown." Yes...grown in my faith. You will be missed. From a grateful parishioner

My husband and I truly enjoyed Father Henry's homilies. We left Mass with a wonderful message. We will miss him.

Rita and Richard Baker

Dearest Father Lead Foot,
Thanks for the support, prayers, & laughs. It has been a privilege to have worked alongside you. I am forever grateful for your friendship.

- Love, Erin

Dear Father Henry,

We will miss you very much. We hope your new assignment is one you will be happy in. Your gentleness and caring with Jenny as an altar server has touched us. You have always been so kind to her. We will miss your gentle soothing voice and your smile on the altar. We will remember you in our prayers.

Love Joe, Barbara and Jenny Pace

I have worked with Father Henry on the Liturgy Ministry and we have journeyed together for many years during the RCIA process. He has been mentor to the candidates and to those of us who are on the team. Usually, the laity grow with their commitment to this process but I have been privileged to watch Father Henry grow. Each Easter Vigil, that he has presided over seemed to ring louder and louder in the praise of Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit seemed to have especially befriended him in both his chanting and the celebration at the Easter Vigil.

Father Henry can be a stern taskmaster but his desire for showing the way and the truth of God and the beauty of our faith has always touched me. He has been there for me in times of stress and shared both joy and anguish with me. I am proud to call him mentor, teacher, and above all friend. I wish him happiness, peace, and joyful challenges in his new position.

With respect, love, and the blessings of God...Ann Hughes

Good luck and good wishes to Father Henry as he continues his priesthood in a different way. I worked with Father Henry counting money on Mondays, and I always enjoyed that work. God bless him as he moves to Brooklyn. Ed Flynn

Father Henry is a priest with many gifts which he has shared with many of the ministries here at St. Martin of Tours. Among his many duties, Father Henry has served as the spiritual advisor for Society of St. Vincent de Paul conference. When asked which of Father Henry's attributes were most helpful to our conference, a former conference president replied, "Father Henry was always there for us."

The Vincentians' mission - to serve the poor and needy in our parish - can be rewarding - it can also be frustrating or discouraging. In his own quiet way, Father Henry would offer insight and encouragement when things did not work out as we had hoped with one of the families we tried to help.

Father Henry celebrated Mass for the Vincentians' annual Mass. As always, the liturgies he offered spoke to our mission. His thoughtful homilies helped us focus on the spiritual dimension of our commitment to the Society and to have faith in that mission. After the Mass, Father Henry would bring one of his epicurean treats to the social at Kay Wilson's home. Father Henry has been a blessing to all of us at St. Martin of Tours. We look forward to his weekend visits to Bethpage.

Mary McCaffrey on behalf of the St. Martin of Tours Society of St. Vincent de Paul Conference

It is a sad day for St. Martin's to be losing Father Henry. He is a kind and gentle man and will be so missed. I do not know where Father Henry has been assigned but our loss is certainly their gain. We will miss him and wish him all the best. May God bless him in his new endeavor.

Sincerely, Joan Stauber and family

Dear Father Henry,

Wishing you much success in your new assignment! We will miss you but know you will accomplish much!

Love, Barbara Amoroso

Dear Father Henry,

I am writing on behalf of the Saloy Family. In January of 2010 my father Jerry Saloy passed away, and we requested that Father Henry say his funeral mass. For four years before he died, my dad was sick and in a wheelchair. Every Sunday my mother would take my dad to church and whenever Father Henry celebrated mass he would always stop my parents on their way out to talk and shake my dad's hand. It always meant so much to my mom (and I'm sure my dad) that he treated him as a "man" and not just as a "man in a wheelchair", like so many others did.

At his funeral before the final blessing, Father Henry stood up and said, "I will miss my friend." Those few words really touched my family, and we still talk about it five years later. We wish Father Henry much happiness in his new assignment. We will miss our friend! With thanks, Stephanie Sammarco

Not that long ago, we were new to St Martin of Tours Parish. There was cake & coffee available after Mass in the school cafeteria. Even though we really didn't know anyone, we decided to go downstairs and check it out. We got some coffee and cake and sat down at a table by ourselves. A moment later, Father Henry sat down with us. We started chatting, sharing stuff about ourselves. We came to know that Father Henry was the chaplain of the youth group - excellent news since we had a teenage son who was interested in joining the Life Teen group. What could have been an awkward situation turned out to be a warm and welcome morning as new parishioners.

When we took our son to a Life Teen event at a nearby parish, he greeted us warmly with a big hug - and he barely knew us. Our connection with Father Henry as youth group chaplain and parish priest, has been one of our many faith filled and wonderful moments here as part of our SMT parish family. We will miss his warm smile, his wonderful youth-focused homilies, and the joy he brings to his priesthood each and every day. We wish him 'Godspeed' as he moves on to his new duties in Brooklyn. Rosemarie, John and Christopher Stauber

Father Henry is a very powerful man behind the scenes....he wears many hats and is patient and professional in all of them. We are in awe of all his knowledge about our Parish and its day-to-day operations and his willingness and eagerness to share his knowledge with all as needed. Taking on new challenges (as now) requires courage and perseverance, and we wish him a very successful new phase in his career. Remember to take time for yourself and to relax and enjoy that Cinnamon Dolce Latte or audio book!

Thank you so much for ten years of helping and guiding our Parish to be the best it could be! We shall sorely miss you. Thank you! Gerry and John McCarthy

Father Henry was not only an exceptional priest to me but an excellent friend. He was with us, "the money counters," almost every Monday morning. I must accept that as a priest he must go forward. I wish him the best of health and happiness at his next location.

Paul Schraff

Dear Father Henry,

Thank you for ten great wonderful years you gave us at St. Martin of Tours. You were here longer than most priests, but it was not long enough. Hope you are as blessed as we were in your new position and home. We will miss you more than words can say. Sincerely, Carmela & Michael Mondiello

Father Henry -

You will be missed! Who will play practical jokes on us in the Religious Education office! After parties, where will the balloons go?

I will miss you on a couple of different levels, first as a priest in our parish. I love listening to what you have to say at Mass. You always look happy, welcoming and have a good message. Second as a friend. I will miss lunches at the Orient with you and the times you would come by for an event at my house. You even helped out in our family wine making!

I wish you peace and happiness in your new assignment.

Thanks for everything - Laura Leigh Agnese

I will always remember what Father Henry did for my family on Christmas Day 2010. In a raging snowstorm, during what was probably the hour he was enjoying his Christmas dinner, he answered our emergency call within minutes and came to North Shore Plainview hospital to give Last Rites to my Mother. He comforted us and helped us give our Mom the best Christmas gift we could have given her under the circumstances, and for that we will always be grateful.

Cathy LaFalce

Dear Father Henry,

I wanted to let you know how much I appreciate all you have done for me and my family in the few years I have had the privilege to know you. Little things like send Jess a case of Ramen Noodles in school, just because she posted something about that on her Facebook page. And more important things like driving to Mineola to visit her, only to be turned away because she has just come out of the anesthesia and did not want to see anybody.

Then there was the time you came to the girls Sweet 16 party, just to celebrate with us and them. You helped me handle JoAnn's cancer by reaching out to her, praying for her, and celebrating when she was in remission. You have been a joy and an inspiration to know and talk to and pray with. I feel honored to have had the opportunity have known you, and I will surely miss you. But I am glad that you are looking forward to this new chapter in your life. When JoAnn has her strength back and can travel easily, we plan on visiting you.

Thank you again for all you've done and I pray you will continue to inspire others and share your love for life in your new assignment. God bless! - Bernadette

I had to have radiation treatment for breast cancer in 2006. When I went into the waiting room I saw Father Henry. I remember him telling the parishioners at a mass he had cancer and was being treated for same. It gave me comfort to know someone from my parish was there. I told him I was one of his 'lambs' and wished him well. God bless him in all his future endeavors.

- Francine & Jason Kump

Dear Father Henry, wishing you tremendous happiness on your new journey in life. You have made a huge impact in our lives. Your kind and caring ways are comforting and appreciated. We are grateful that you will not be far and will be visiting often.

-Paul and Joyce Chiofalo

We have known Father Henry since he came to our Parish. We are very fortunate to have him. He is one of those priests that you don't want ever to leave. We enjoy his Mass and the way he gets God's message to us. We are also fortunate to work with Father as counters. We get to see him in another light. Father has a hearty, contagious laugh. When he laughs, all the counters look his way and either begin laughing or smiling. He creates such a happy atmosphere with his laughter. We will miss him and hope he visits often.

Your friends, All the Counters

Father Henry will be missed and remembered as a great communicator of the Gospel. I always enjoyed his sermons. I would always ask him to bless my old car before I'd take it to Nelson's for inspection and it always passed! Thanks Father Henry!

You always knew he was close by because of his distinctive laugh. You will be missed for sure. Best of health and have great life in your new position.

May God bless you! Ann Sadecki

I had heard that Father Henry made delicious crab cakes. I already knew he enjoyed cooking and baking, so I invited him to dinner at my home with mutual friends. However, I asked HIM to cook! He graciously agreed! Father Henry made arrangements to get the crab meat and came to my house to prepare them. He also baked a delicious loaf of artisan bread and a pastry puff. Oh yes, I provided the cole slaw and the corn. What a delicious meal with great friends.

I want to also thank you for blessing my new apartment, especially where the boiler room is. Your blessings assured me that my kitties would be safe and warm as toast...and *not* toast!

Thank you Father Henry for your love and friendship! - Love, Janet McKenna

For your help with Life, Liberty and pursuit of happiness. Thanks with the children and thanks for your continued devotion to our Blessed Mother. God Bless you always in your new venture! Remain in His Love as you are in ours. – Patricia Quinn

Father Henry,

What an absolute pleasure it has been to have you as our priest. I have especially enjoyed our Lifeteen "pre-mass" prayer circles with the band, our adorations, our Dunkin' Donut run after adoration, having you sing with us at the end of adoration, just singing with us PERIOD! You have been so supportive, loving, caring, and relatable throughout the years. Thanks for making my transition to band director a few years ago so comfortable, and my experience directing the band so enjoyable! Love you lots and will miss you so much! Love, Chris McCarthy

I have rarely been very vocal in our Parish but I just feel the need at this time to just say a few words about how Fr Henry has touched my heart during his 10 years at St. Martin of Tours. First of all, I miss seeing him at Mass. I'm sure he is present and says Mass often but I have not had the pleasure of seeing him much lately. Probably my fault or the particular Mass I've attended. In any event, when I think of Father Henry, I see his kind and smiling face. His gentle demeanor and a warm hand shake. He doesn't know me by name yet I have a very warm feeling toward this man. I will miss him as he journeys on and just want him to know he will never truly be replaced or forgotten. God blessed us with your service these past 10 years, Father Henry, and for that I am forever grateful. Thank you for all you have done for St. Martin's.

In Jesus Name, Suzanne Braband

I would like to thank Father Henry for everything he has done for me. Ever since going to Saint Martin of Tours and joining the RCIA program, Father Henry has had a large influence on me with my faith, leading me to Jesus. I wish him the best of luck wherever faith may lead him. - Karl Nordenschild

I have known Father Henry since I was in Saint Martin's youth groups. I have had the pleasure of getting to know him and I wish him the best of luck wherever he may go. He is always so supportive and loving, not only towards me, but to all parishioners. Any parish is extremely lucky to have Father Henry. God Bless you! -Kristen Chiofalo

Father Henry, my friend and supporter,

You are one of a kind and I'm so grateful to have you in my life. The way you live and lead by example makes God smile. Thank you for always being there for me.

- Shannon Chiofalo

Masses For The Week

- Monday - September 21**
6:30 Joseph Cascini
9:00 M/M Robert McCartney 25th Anniv. (living)
- Tuesday - September 22**
6:30 Joseph C. Brown
9:00 Linda Nobile O'Brien
- Wednesday - September 23**
6:30 Deacon James Biggin
9:00 John Lynch
- Thursday - September 24**
6:30 James Mason, Anniversary
9:00 George Spindler
- Friday - September 25**
6:30 William J. Zura, Sr.
9:00 Anthony Ducato
- Saturday - September 26**
9:00 MULTIPLE MASS INTENTIONS
5:00 Bernard Lavin
7:00 Rose Provenzano
- Sunday - September 27**
7:00 The People of the Parish
8:30 John Leonard Satriana
10:00 Robert Preziosi
11:30 Raymond Westhoff
1:00 John Rochford, Living (Birthday)
5:30 Russell Peterson

Readings For The Week

- Mon. Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13; Matthew 9: 9-13
- Tues. Ezra 6: 7-8, 12b, 14-20; Luke 8: 19-21
- Wed. Ezra 9: 5-9; Luke 9: 1-6
- Thurs. Haggai 1: 1-8; Luke 9: 7-9
- Fri. Haggai 2: 1-9; Luke 9: 18-22
- Sat. Zechariah 2: 5-9, 14-15a; Luke 9: 43b-45
- Sun. *Numbers 11:25-29* Moses said to Joshua, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the people of the LORD were prophets!"**

James 5:1-6 "Come now, you rich, weep and wail over your impending miseries. Your wealth has rotted away."

Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48 Jesus reassured the disciples, "Whoever is not against us is for us.....If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off."

Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift

Amount Budgeted: \$17,500.00
Amount Received: September 12/13, 2015
Regular Collection: \$15,074.28
Thank you for your great generosity!

Reflection & Living Stewardship



Today's second reading warns that a heart consumed with avarice and envy leads to jealousy, strife, conflicts and disputes. A giving heart, in contrast, can sing instead with the Psalmist, "Freely will I offer sacrifice; I will praise your name, O Lord, for its goodness."

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who offer welcome and assistance to our new parishioners, whether through our Hospitality Ministry or right from the pews!

Charismatic Prayer Group

Do Unto Others...

Everyone knows the rest but I don't feel people think that way these days - maybe because there's no guarantee. But if we change it to "Do unto others as you would have GOD do unto you," it might wake some people up. For Jesus said, "the measure which you measure will in return be measured out to you." (Like 6:27) Good or bad - how we treat people is how God will treat us! Makes you think!

Our next meeting is Monday, September 21st at 7:30 PM in the Church. Please call (516) 993-9672 for prayer requests or more information.

HOP Club Winners

9/14/15	#160	William Zappolo	\$25
9/15/15	#473	Maureen Gallagher	\$25
9/16/15	#500	Kathy & Ed Silk	\$25
9/17/15	#294	Tillie Krupitsch	\$25
9/18/15	#512	Helen Dowd	\$250



Divine Mercy Novena

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



First Banns

*Nico DePaul & Bruna Marietto
Michael Messineo & Audra Schmidt*



*“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 cereals, oatmeal. Rice-a-Roni, corn peas, mixed vegetables, chili, beef stew, pasta sauce, peanut butter, black beans, apple sauce, Chef Boyardee canned pastas, tomato soup, mayonnaise, oil, juice boxes, cake mix, icing, Jell-O, pudding, flour, salt, dish soap, bar soap, laundry soap, tissues, toilet paper, diapers sizes 4, 5 & 6, and baby wipes.

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 September 20 - 26, 2015

*Sanctuary Candle
In Loving Memory of
Joseph Cascini*



Rest in Peace

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

**Patricia Caccavale, Angela M. Levin
Vincent DeSario, Isabel Paladino, Joseph Spoto
Amit T. Mayal, Margaret Bloyan
Gerald T. Cox, Jeffrey J. Greco**

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 Badiuska, Lorraine Dennan
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, Elsa Ryan
Little Sonny D'Ambrosio, Joann Sescila, 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, Jean Zarou
Guido Penafiel, Barry Monteleone, Dolores Lordahl
Madeline Molnar, Liz Caraccia, Loretta Manning
Charlie Hoffmann, Nadine Lewin Wall

Week of September 20 - 26, 2015

*Altar Bread & Wine
In Loving Memory of
Carmela Gandolfo*



The Pastor's Letter

Homily at Deacon Jim Biggin's Funeral Mass - Thursday, September 10, 2015

I usually begin funerals by offering condolences to the family of the deceased. Today, as we come together to mourn Jim Biggin, to thank God for his spirit-filled seventy-seven years of Gospel living, and, to pray in faith as he goes home to the God who breathed life into him many years ago, there is an entire parish that needs comforting, including the pastor. Jim was a pastor to the pastor. Carmela, you and Jim were one of the happiest couples I have met in my forty years as a priest. After 54 years of marriage, Jim could reduce you to a laughing smile when you would complain to him about something he was doing, or had done, or was about to do, and he could melt your heart and make you smile with one sentence: *Because I love you Babe*. When the house was in chaos, when the funds were low and tuitions were high, when one of the kids were having a problem and you wondered how you two could keep going, Jim would break out into song singing a patriotic song known only to him, *I pledge allegiance to the flag*. You two shared a youthful love and when I would call your house desperate to talk to Jim because he had schedule two weddings and a baptism at the same time on Ash Wednesday, your dual phone message of *Hi this is Jim and this is Carmela, we're not home right now but you can leave a message* made me think I was speaking to two newlyweds. I only knew Jim four years and loved him. I can only imagine the depth of the loss you feel after your lifetime together.

To his children, Jimmy, Andrew, Rosemary, Michael, Gerard, Anne Marie, Thomas and their spouses and his 16 grandchildren and one great grandchild, you know well what a treasure and gift God had given you in your father and grandfather. One son told me this about Jim: *Dad always told the kids that most of what he says is nonsense, but if he yells fire they should run. The truth is, when he spoke it was usually a lesson in life*. Another son said this about his father: *My dad had a bunch of titles in his life: corporal in the army, police officer, Sergeant with the NYPD, Supervisor of security while at Citibank, and Deacon Jim here at Saint Martin of Tours. But his most important title to me was Dad...he taught me how to be a man and more importantly how to be a father to my children*. I know that as sons and daughters you are so very aware and grateful, in spite of the deep pain in your hearts, that you were so very blessed to have had Jim Biggin as you father. We take some consolation that Jim is now reunited with his precious son Anthony who lived only a short time on earth but was always in the hearts of his parents, Jim and Carmela. The day Carmela and Jim were married they heard words like this in the marriage liturgy: *May God the all powerful Father grant you his joy and bless you in your children. May your children bring you happiness and may your generous love for them be returned many times over in their love of you. May God the eternal Father keep you of one heart in love for one another that the peace of Christ may dwell in you and abide always in your home*. Now, 54 years later, we can say that the Lord truly answered that prayer for Jim and Carmela and for their seven children. May his brother Bill and all his family and friends find peace in their warm memories of the wonderful life that Jim lived.

Jim was a policeman for 22 years. We thank God for his service to the citizens of New York. In a time when police officers are so under appreciated, we are grateful for the services of all those who stand on watch day and night to protect us. Jim told me that while in the police he read something about the permanent deaconate the Catholic Church had been rediscovering as a vital ministry in the Catholic Church after Vatican II.

He told me that it was like a bolt of lightning hitting him, and he immediately knew this was for him. He wanted to be a deacon of the Catholic Church. He told me he had to work out his schedule with the police to be able to attend his deacon classes. He loved to tell me that he had a Rabbi in the Police Department. As some of you may know, *a Rabbi* is police slang for a higher up officer who will watch out for you and help you in your career. The funny part of the story was that *his rabbi* who allowed him to enter the diaconate in spite of his heavy work schedule was a real Rabbi who was a police chaplain.

So, Jim began his deacon studies that were quite demanding. He and Carmela had a house full of kids, tuitions and bills to pay, but she was one hundred percent behind his dream. Jim loved studying theology and he got a master degree in this field. Soon he was at the altar about to be ordained when these words were spoken by the Bishop: *This man, your relative and friend, is now to be raised to the order of deacons. Consider carefully the ministry to which he is to be promoted. He will draw new strength from the gift of the Holy Spirit. He will help the bishop and the priests as a minister of the word, of the altar, and of charity. He will make himself a servant to all. As a minister of the altar he will proclaim the Gospel, to baptize, to assist at marriages and bless them, to give viaticum to the dying, and to lead the rites of burial. He will perform works of charity. Never turn away from the hope which the Gospel offers; now you must not only listen to God's word but also preach it. From the way he goes about these duties, may you recognize him as a disciple of Jesus, who came to serve, not to be served.*

For thirty years Jim Biggin has been recognized as a disciple of Jesus Christ by the parishioners, staff and clergy of St. Martin of Tours Parish. I joke that Jim married half the people in the parish and baptized the other half. On his ordination stole, he had the words *Build my Church*; the words St. Francis of Assisi heard from Jesus more than a thousand years ago. Jim has been building the church at St. Martin's for 30 years: preparing couples for marriage, helping young people get confirmed, working with people in the RCIA program, guiding our religious education program, and preaching the Gospel in a way that showed both his humanity and his deep love of Jesus Christ. A few years ago, Jim, and our two great deacons, Tom Hennessy and the late Gene Capobianco, were made Redemptorist Oblates for their great service to the Redemptorist. Jim's middle name was Alphonsus, the founder of the Redemptorists, and he had a pastoral heart that was always ready to open doors, give an engaged couple a break, help a family with a baptism. He made our church approachable and human because that is who he was. He was a man of mercy and compassion who showed so many the gentle face of Jesus.

He told me one of his favorite ministries was preaching at funerals. He loved to proclaim that which was his core belief: *Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.* His words brought comfort to so many people in grief. Jim was a man who loved the word of God. Today, we have heard the Word of God read to us: *From the Book of Sirach, we read: But these were men of mercy, whose righteous deeds have not been forgotten; their prosperity will remain with their descendants, and their inheritance to their children's children.* What an inheritance of faith, family, love and wisdom Jim has left to his children and grandchildren. Sometime in the far off future, Jim and Carmela's grandchildren will be telling their grandchildren about Jim. their grandfather and their grandmother. Carmela. His prosperity of goodness will remain with his descendants. Jim is home with God forever, but he is so very alive in his family and all of us who knew his goodness.

Our second reading was also about the power of our Lord Jesus Christ's resurrection: *Revelations tells us: He will dwell with them and they will be his people and God himself will always be with them as their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away "Behold, I make all things new.* Jim proclaimed these words often: *there will come a time when every tear will be wiped away and we shall see God as he is, face to face.* Jim now sees God face to face. Since Jim was a Jet fan and suffered enough already in life, there is no need for him to stop in Purgatory.

I chose an unusual Gospel reading for a funeral; it is a Gospel that we often read at weddings. As much as Jim was a wonderful deacon and he was, his greatest gift was that of living the sacrament of matrimony with his bride Carmela. As Carmela told me, *he loved me with all his heart.* I think we all knew that by seeing you together. Jesus tells us: *That's why a man leaves his father and mother and gets married. He becomes like one person with his wife. Then they are no longer two people, but one.* Jim and Carmela were one in Christ. A long time ago, in Frank's candy store in Woodhaven, Queens, a 17 year old Irish boy spotted a young lovely Italian girl named Carmela. Four years later they were married. Could either have ever imagined the adventure they were about to begin? To see Carmela caring for Jim in the hospital, helping him sip a little water, was to see the words of the wedding *vows til death do us part* take flesh right before our eyes.

Carmela said that the last words that Jim spoke before he died were a sermon. Deacons love to preach, even on their deathbeds. This is what Jim said: *If you think you're loving, love more. If you think you are doing the right thing, then do it more.* Last words that you and I saw Jim Biggin live everyday of his life. May he rest in the loving arms of Jesus, his Redeemer.

Father Patrick Woods, CSSR
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Mathew Kelly is an internationally known popular Catholic writer and speaker on being Catholic and how to invite others into the faith or to return to the faith. This program is well worth attending. 40 Tickets Available – First Come; First Serve. - Father Pat

Matthew Kelly

Living Every Day with Passion & Purpose Presentation

September 26, 2015 9 am - 1:30 pm

Our Lady of Mercy, 500 South Oyster Bay Road, Hicksville

\$39.00 includes all retreat materials

These tickets are being sold on a first come, first serve basis. If you are interested please contact me sooner rather than later.

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St. Martin of Tours Bereavement Group Meetings



The St. Martin of Tours Bereavement Group is scheduled to begin* meeting on **Thursday evenings at 7:00PM** in the **St. Alphonsus Hall**. Group sharing is a way to process the loss of a loved one with others.

We will meet for eight weeks: October 15, 22, 29, November 5, 12, 19 and December 3 & 10.

Please call the rectory at 931-0818 and leave your name, number and best time to be reached. Someone will return your call.

****Please note: depends on the response***

St. Pius X Enriched Living Facility Second Collection September 19/20

Today is the special collection for retired priests living at St. Pius X Enriched Living Facility. This facility enables our senior priests who need extra care and attention to be cared for in a setting that fosters their spiritual lives, nurtures their physical well-being and guarantees that they can continue to live with dignity while accessing a wide array of social and spiritual opportunities.

Please support this extraordinary facility as best as your means will allow. For more information or to donate online, go to www.drvc.org/stpiusx or call 516-379-5210 ext. 229. Thank you!

Everyone needs a little help once in a while

St. Martin of Tours is a parish dedicated to building social ministries. Pastor Patrick Woods (Father Pat) is pleased to announce a new ministry to the many already established: Hypnotherapy and Marriage and Family Therapy, offered by Dr. Concetta Gallo. Dr. Gallo is a parishioner of St. Martin's, a New York State Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, and a Certified Hypnotherapist. All parishioners are entitled to three free sessions with Dr. Gallo to be held on the grounds of St. Martin of Tours. Additional sessions will be at pro-rated prices.

- o As a solution focused therapist, my goal is to help you to lead a more fulfilling life and to build upon your strengths as an individual, a couple or a family. While we cannot change the past, we can work together to better understand and resolve challenges in your life or marriage.
- o Hypnotherapy can help you to establish new and healthy patterns in your life such as weight loss, smoking cessation, fear of public speaking, fear of heights, general anxiety, and relaxation.
- o Couple and family therapy can help you to discover new and healthy methods of communication, resolve disputes between family members, to establish better relationships within a family, or to simply build upon a happy marriage.

If you are looking for extra support and guidance through a challenging time in your life or marriage, I look forward to working with you to achieve your goals. Please call or E-mail me for an appointment. Remember your future depends on what you do today!!!

E-mail: Dr.C.Gallo@gmail.com

Cell phone: 516 450-1609

THE PARISH PICNIC**Sunday, October 4th after the 1PM Mass.****Please note:****The Blessing of the Animals will be NEXT Sunday, September 27th at 2:15.****October Is Respect Life Month**

St. Martin of Tours will be having a Holy Hour on Wednesday, October 21 from 3:00 - 4:00PM in the Church for Respect Life Month. It will consist of the recitation of the Rosary and Adoration.

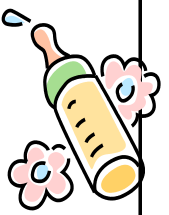
Everyone is welcome to attend all or any part of the Holy Hour. Please pray that the whole world respects the dignity of life from conception to natural death.

Spiritual Book Club

The St. Martin of Tours Parish Spiritual Reading Book Club will be discussing *Mortal Blessings* by Angela Alaimo O'Donnell on September 25th at 7:30 p.m. in St. Alphonsus Hall. All are welcome. This is a book that seeks to help us to see how present God is in our daily lives, our symbols and ordinary rituals of living.

Baby Bottle Campaign

The Life Center of LI will be holding its Annual **Baby Bottle Campaign on the weekend of October 24 & 25.** Bottles will be handed out at the end of each mass. We will pick up all bottles during the weekend of November 14 & 15. Our thanks to Father Pat for the opportunity to help these mothers and their babies each year!



Life Teen will kick off Sunday, September 27th! All high school teens are welcome to come and check us out. Mass is celebrated every Sunday at 5:30PM followed by our weekly meeting.

Edge will kick off Thursday, October 8th from 7-8:30PM in the OLPH Youth Center located in the school. Edge is for all middle school children in 6, 7, & 8th grades.

Father Jim McCabe's next class is Monday, September 21 from 7:15 - 8:15PM in St. Alphonsus Hall. This course is a study on the Book of Genesis.

The full schedule will be in next week's bulletin.

LIFE LINE SCREENING**ST. ALPHONSUS HALL - WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30th**

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.

We will resume our regular columns in next week's bulletin.

In the meantime, please continue to pray for those in the Military, the Unborn and one another.