

**Masses For The Week**

**Monday - September 28**

6:30 Deacon Jim Biggin  
9:00 Ronnie Lawlor

**Tuesday - September 29**

6:30 Grant V. Childs  
9:00 Billy Astarita

**Wednesday - September 30**

6:30 William Martuge  
9:00 Michael DeZervos

**Thursday - October 1**

6:30 Mildred Mahler  
9:00 Walter Pehrsson

**Friday - October 2**

6:30 Gerry & John McCarthy  
Celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary  
9:00 Dominick Cano

**Saturday - October 3**

9:00 MULTIPLE MASS INTENTIONS  
5:00 Louis Ruggiero, Gertrude & John O'Rourke  
7:00 Julia & Fred Zoitke

**Sunday - October 4**

7:00 The People of the Parish  
8:30 Donna Steubing, 2nd Anniversary  
10:00 John & Vincenzo Dioguardi  
11:30 Ivy & Herman Ostermeier, Anniversary  
1:00 Farris Reams  
5:30 Nellie Hourihane

**Readings For The Week**

Mon. Zechariah 8:1-8; Luke 9:46-50  
Tues. Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; Revelation 12:7-12ab  
Wed. Nehemiah 2:1-8; Luke 9:57-62  
Thurs. Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Luke 10:1-12  
Fri. Baruch 1:15-22; Matthew 18:1-5, 10  
Sat. Baruch 4:5-12, 27-19; Luke 10:17-24

**Sun. Genesis 2:18-24** "A man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two of them become one flesh."

**Hebrews 2:9-11** "He who consecrates and those who are being consecrated all have one origin."

**Mark 10:2-16** "So they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate."

**Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift**

**Amount Budgeted:** \$17,500.00  
**Amount Received:** September 19/20, 2015  
**Regular Collection:** \$16,152.41

*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 rights from the pews!



**Charismatic Prayer Group**

Lose weight quick and learn how to keep it off! Go to God for forgiveness and lose the weight of the sins that you've been carrying. Forgive others and lose the weight of resentment and anger. How much weight could **you** lose? And all without crunches or sit-ups! So walk with God and run from the devil!

**Our next meeting is Monday, September 28th at 7:30 PM in the Church. Please call (516) 993-9672 for prayer requests or more information.**

**HOP Club Winners**

9/21/15	#229	The Fiore Family	\$25
9/22/15	#402	M/M George J. Matulewich	\$25
9/23/15	#319	Erin & Dan Baudille	\$25
9/24/15	#202	Vincent Raab	\$25
9/25/15	#439	Paul & Marylou Connolly	\$50



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

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**



*Wedding Banns*

*2nd: Nico DePaul & Bruna Marietto  
Michael Messineo & Audra Schmidt*

*1st: Nick Fazzolare & Lisa Waldman  
Paske Skarica & Mallory Baker*



***“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 peas, corn, mixed vegetables, carrots, oatmeal, pasta sauce, tomato paste, chili, beef stew, tuna, black beans, soups, mayonnaise, oil, cake mix, sugar, flour, salt, juice boxes, toilet paper, tissues, dish soap and bar soap.

We are so grateful for your tremendous support. Our clients are truly grateful.

**Parish Outreach Food Pantry:**

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



*Week of Sept 27 - October 3, 2015*

*Altar Bread & Wine*

*In Loving Memory of  
Helen & Henry Ruff*

*Week of Sept 27 - October 3, 2015*

*Sanctuary Candle*

*In Loving Memory of  
Otto Gutbrod*



***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.**

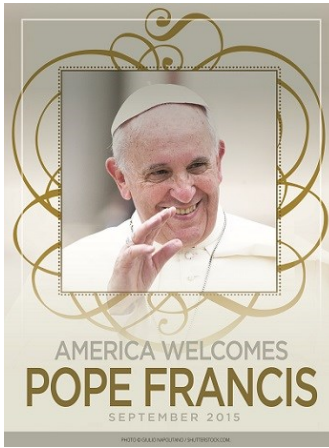
Ledwin Mason, Leevalli Annearosa, Pattie Meegan  
Leigh Murphy, Richard Piernini, Joseph Simon  
Douglas Torres, James Robertson, Amy Hayes  
Mom & Dad, Bill Kelly, Matthew Messina  
Christopher Gratton, John Mitchell, Pat Cannata  
Barbara Thompson, Donald Castor, Dorothy Quinn  
Zachery Duff, Sam Zubov, Patricia Marrone, Mary Henson  
Mary Lynn Brassil, Catherine Battiatia, 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 Baciуска, Lorraine Dennen  
Carol Ann Scudder, John Scudder, Thomas Napoli  
Joan Spira, Gerald Campbell, Vincent Esposito, Terry Hall  
Joe Bauer, Catherine A. McCarthy, Paul Granberg  
Antoinette Diana, Elsa Ryan, Sarah Messina  
Little Sonny D'Ambrosio, Joann Sescila,  
Michael Arato, 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, Richard Graziano  
Jesusa Aquino, Carol Posnjak, Diane Braun

***Rest in Peace***

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

**Mechita Salazar**

## *The Pastor's Letter*



This past Tuesday, September 22, our church bells pealed at 5:00 p.m. as we welcomed Pope Francis for his first visit to the United States. At this writing, I am looking forward to going to St. Patrick's Cathedral on Thursday for a prayer service with the Pope. If I get close to him, I may offer him tickets to see the Jets.

Certainly, there is a great excitement about the Holy Father coming to America. I think it would be fair to say that he is the most popular person in the world right now (except for those who get caught in papal traffic). He has a marvelous smile and a good sense of humor. He has witnessed to a simple lifestyle by refusing to live in papal quarters, but rather in a more modest residence where he takes his meals in a cafeteria with the staff and workers at the Vatican. Even

the very simple fact that he carries his own travel bag has impressed the media.

I would say that our Holy Father, since he was elected Pope, has had two very explicit messages: the first is that he has great stress on the love of Jesus Christ for the poor, the weak and the neglected; and secondly, he has placed a great focus on the mercy and compassion of Our Lord for each one of us. I have no doubt that Pope Francis will draw great crowds and be applauded everywhere he goes, but I wonder how well our world, and even each of us, is ready to embrace and live the message of the Gospel that he proclaims.

I know there are some Catholics who are concerned that Pope Francis may be too liberal, that he is soft on sin and sinners, and I have even heard some commentators refer to him as a socialist. We have recently heard the news about the Pope allowing priests to forgive the sin of abortion and that he is seeking to make the annulment of marriages more streamlined for those who seek them. Perhaps the news media does not tell us that the Pope has strongly condemned abortion and is a very powerful advocate for marriage and family. Our Holy Father has not changed one teaching of the Church. What he has done is place a great emphasis on each person encountering Christ in his or her life. The forgiveness of sins and the mercy of God are not some new doctrine developed by Pope Francis. He is simply proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ who was heavily criticized for eating with sinners and prostitutes. Maybe some are shocked by what Pope Francis has said and done because what Jesus did was truly shocking to many of the religious figures of his day.

When the Pope gave an interview with a Jesuit magazine, he was asked by the interviewer who he was as a man. Here is the dialogue that followed: *The first question ready, but then I decide not to follow the script that I had prepared for myself, and I ask him point-blank: "Who is Jorge Mario Bergoglio?" The pope stares at me in silence. I ask him if this is a question that I am allowed to ask.... He nods that it is, and he tells me: "I do not know what might be the most fitting description.... I am a sinner. This is the most accurate definition. It is not a figure of speech, a literary genre. I am a sinner."*

I think most of us are ready to admit we are sinners, but I sometimes wonder if we really believe it since it is so easy to fall into the trap of saying and judging what is wrong with everyone else before truly looking at myself and seeking, by the amazing grace of God, to turn away from sin.

**W**hat is the purpose of the Catholic Church? What is the role of the parish in the life of a community? The most startling answer I ever read to these questions was from Pope Francis in the same interview I mentioned before. Here is how he answered: *"I see clearly,"* the Pope continues, *"that the thing the church needs most today is the ability to heal wounds and to warm the hearts of the faithful; it needs nearness, proximity. I see the Church as a field hospital after battle. It is useless to ask a seriously injured person if he has high cholesterol and about the level of his blood sugars! You have to heal his wounds. Then we can talk about everything else. Heal the wounds, heal the wounds.... And you have to start from the ground up.*

*"The Church sometimes has locked itself up in small things, in small-minded rules. The most important thing is the first proclamation: Jesus Christ has saved you. And the ministers of the Church must be ministers of mercy above all. The confessor, for example, is always in danger of being either too much of a rigorist or too lax. Neither is merciful, because neither of them really takes responsibility for the person. The rigorist washes his hands so that he leaves it to the commandment. The loose minister washes his hands by simply saying, 'This is not a sin' or something like that. In pastoral ministry we must accompany people, and we must heal their wounds.*

Wow! The Church, the parish as field hospital, seeking to heal wounds and help people meet Jesus Christ and his mercy! If you remember the television show *MASH*, it was about a Mobile Army Surgical Hospital. Its goal was to provide immediate care of life threatening wounds. That is how Pope Francis sees the Church.

By the time you read this letter, our Holy Father will have left us. I pray that he will be safe and have had a Holy Spirit-filled visit to our nation. I ask all of us here at St. Martin's to consider taking one personal step flowing from your personal response to the visit from our Holy Father. Here are a few suggestions you might consider:

- Go to an extra Mass during the following week and receive Holy Communion and tell him you love Him.
- Go to the sacrament of Reconciliation.
- Go to the Parish Divine Mercy devotion some Friday at 2:00 p.m.
- Give something up for a week or so and use what you saved for the food pantry or the Saint Vincent de Paul Society.
- Read one of the four Gospels slowly and prayerfully (Mark is the shortest Gospel).
- Get more involved in the "Field Hospital" of St. Martin's.
- Pray every day for the Holy Father.

Father Patrick Woods, CSSR  
woodscsr@aol.com  
Website: [smtbethpage.org](http://smtbethpage.org)



### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 - LIFE TEEN KICK OFF.

All high school teens are welcome to come and check us out. The Life Teen Mass is celebrated every Sunday at 5:30 PM followed by our weekly meeting!



**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8 - EDGE KICK OFF.** All Middle School aged children in grades 6, 7 & 8 are welcome to come to see what we're all about. We meet every other week from 7 - 8:30PM in the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Youth Center located in the school building. This program is a wonderful way for young adolescence to grow in their faith and make lasting friendships.

Now is a great time to consider joining our team! If you want to know more about getting involved in SMT's dynamic and lively Youth Ministry Programs, please contact Erin! Remember, all are welcome to the 5:30 PM Life Teen Sunday Mass. We come together to adore, to honor and to give thanks to our Lord and Redeemer, Jesus Christ.

For questions about Youth Ministry at SMT or to inquire about joining our team, please contact Erin Horan-Baudille at [SMT\\_Lifeteen@Yahoo.com](mailto:SMT_Lifeteen@Yahoo.com). The Youth Ministry Office Phone: (516) 870-5669.

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

The next Adoration hosted by the Youth Ministry is Tuesday, October 13th.  
7:00 PM in the Church.  
Everyone is welcome!

### **St. Anthony High School Honor Roll Certificates 2014/2015 School Year**

Awarded to the following St. Martin of Tours Parishioners.

#### ***Congratulations!***

Benjamin Bock, Victoria Bock, Gregory Gentile, Matthew Musetich, Serena Pergola, Andrea Romano and Christopher Vaglica

### **Christian Mothers Rosary Confraternity (CMRC)**

The General Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, October 6th at 7:30PM in St. Alphonsus Hall** (use front door on Seaman Avenue). Yearly dues are only \$10. You can see Janet Dion to submit your dues. (Cash or checks accepted payable to CMRC). Anyone wishing to join, please contact Janet at 433-9340.

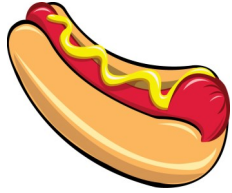
#### **The Evening's Events:**

**Investiture of new members**

**Special Guest Speaker - Sheila Regan**

**Sheila will be showing a presentation on Medjugorje.**

***As always, refreshments will be served! Everyone Welcome!!***



# Block Party Sunday



**October 4, 2015**  
**Following the 1:00PM Mass**

## Sports Memorabilia

- 1 Hockey Stick signed by New York Ranger Rick 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**

***Raffles are being sold after all weekend Masses including at the Block Party.***

**Diocese of Rockville Centre  
Golden Wedding Liturgy  
Honoring Couples Married 50 Years or More**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8th  
Christ the King, Commack**

**The Liturgy will begin at 2:30PM.  
Couples must register by October 23  
for the November 8th Liturgy**

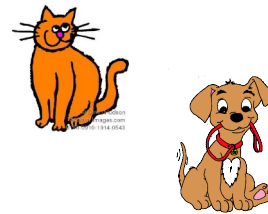
Please fill out a form at the rectory or call 931-0818. The office staff will have it signed by Father Pat and will send it to the Office of Worship.

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.

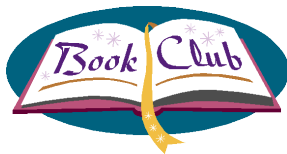


**The Blessing of the Animals**

**This Sunday  
September 27th  
2:15  
Back of the Church  
In the Parking Lot**



**Dear SMT Book Club Friends,**



The discussion of our last book was filled with a wide range of info, sentiment and insight. Everyone was most engaged. All members made the meeting most enlightening and enjoyable. The same author who wrote "To Kill a Mockingbird" wrote our next book.

**The book is "Go Set a Watchman" by Harper Lee. It is our new read. We will meet in St. Alphonsus Hall on Friday, October 23rd at 7:30PM.** This book has been reported to raise some controversy so please come and share your robust thoughts.

Please remember that all are welcome - seasoned members and new faces! Your participation is always captivating. Again, the book does not need to be completed to attend the meeting.

Any concerns, please contact Ann Mele at (516) 330-3039 or email [ann111647@netscape.net](mailto:ann111647@netscape.net).

**Diocese of Rockville Centre - Office of Faith Formation  
27th Annual Mass for Deceased Children  
Saturday, October 17, 2015 at 12:30PM**

Msgr. William Koenig, Presider  
St. Agnes Cathedral - 29 Quealy Place, Rockville Centre  
Come early to inscribe your child's name in the "Book of Families."  
Refreshments following Mass in the Parish Center  
Contact information: Deacon Darrell Buono, Associate Director Marriage and Family  
(516) 678-5800 x 200 dbuono@drvc.org

**Young Family Ministry - Leading Families Closer to Christ**



Parents meet once a month to chat while the kids play. A meal is provided; it's that simple. We'd love to have you and your family join us. You do not have to be a parishioner of SMT to attend. To RSVP or for more info, contact Erin at: SMT\_LifeTeen@Yahoo.com

**The schedule is as follows:**

Thursdays 6:30 - 8PM in the OLPH Youth Center (School Building)  
October 29, November 19, December 17, January 21  
February 4, March 17, April 21, May 19 and June 16

**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](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners).**



### Holy Hour

There will be a holy hour before the Blessed Sacrament from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 30th. All are welcome to spend some time before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

### Kellenberg Memorial High School Open House Saturday, October 3, 2015

Visitors may arrive any time  
**between 10AM & 1PM**

For further information please contact the Admissions Office at 516-292-0200 x210

### Dedication of the Blessed Mother Teresa Outreach Center



On Sunday, September 13, the parish dedicated and blessed our parish outreach center and named it after Blessed Mother Teresa. Mother Teresa has been declared Blessed by the Church and I am sure she will soon be canonized a saint. I want to thank the parishioners who support the food pantry so generously.

The family of the late Carmine Vitale made a donation in his memory to fund the sign. Many thanks to Jeanne Martin who so generously shared her time and talent in its design. Also a great work of praise to Steve Desco- vich, an expert in all matters, who, along with his sons Willie and Andrew did a wonderful job of renovating the pantry. Grateful thanks goes to our maintenance manger, T.J. Hance, who spent most of the day putting up the sign and securing it to our property. Great job, T.J.!

Needless to say, we are all so very grateful for the dedicated volunteers who give their time and talent to the pantry under the fine leadership of Rosemary Scarangella. The lovely aprons that the staff members are wearing were kindly donated by parishioner, Tom Frost. His company is Long Island Athletic Supply Inc., 34 B Hempstead Turnpike, Farmingdale, NY 11735. We are most grateful to him and to all who worked very hard on this project! - Father Pat

### The Kellenberg Memorial Family Cordially invites you to attend the Conference Celebrating the Catholic Family Saturday, October 24, 2015

Starting at 9AM and concluding after mass at 4PM  
Featuring speakers Dr. Larry Feingold, Mr. Benedict Nguyen  
Dr. Timothy Herrman and Prof. Douglas Bushman  
Your \$15 registration includes a light breakfast and lunch.  
Register today at [www.kellenberg.ort/familyconference](http://www.kellenberg.ort/familyconference)  
or call the Ark at 516-292-0200 x 342

## 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 Battiata, USAF  
 LT Daniel Cloonan, USCG  
 PVT Daniel Kuhlmann, US Army  
 LCPL Jonathan M. Gordon, USMC  
 2LT Sean O'Donnell, USAF  
 SGT Matthew C. Windisch, USMC  
 E3 CORPSMAN Robert Fidnarick, US Navy  
 1LT Brian Thorpe, US Navy  
 PO3 Joshua Zimmerman, US Navy  
 MAJ Brendan McEvoy, US Army  
 PVT Matthew F. Mayerhofer, US Army  
 BUCN Sean Bourke, US Navy  
 PO3 James Fischer, US Navy  
 LTC John Evans, US Army  
 STS2(SS) James McDevitt, US Navy  
 ABHAA Michael Creagh, US Navy  
 PVT Steven DiPaolo, USMC  
 SSGT Sean V. Oliva, US Army  
 2LT Samantha Lopez, US Navy  
 SSG George Howard, US Army  
 LT Mario Lopes, USMC

**ATTENTION:  
Family Members Who Are Caring  
for Sick Older Adults**

For more than 29 years, the not-for-profit **EAC Network Senior Respite Program** has been supporting Nassau County Families caring for an older adult by offering them anywhere from two to six hours support each week.

Time to go to church, to the doctor, to do bills, to take a class, or to go out to lunch. We introduce a caring person to visit with their frail loved one on a weekly basis, keeping them safe and engaging them in appropriate activities.

We have companions available waiting to help. Our companions are trained and carefully screened. If you are or know someone caring for a family member, or you are interested in visiting an older adult, please call us at (516) 539-0150 ext. 218 or you can email Christine Weber at [christine.weber@eacinc.org](mailto:christine.weber@eacinc.org).

The Senior Respite program is funded by the NYS Office of Aging, the Helen L. Morris Foundation and the Town of North Hempstead's Project Independence.



**First Friday Devotions**  
Please come on **October 2nd at 7PM in the Eucharistic Chapel** in reparation for the sins against the Sacred Heart of Jesus

**First Saturday Devotions**  
Please come on **October 3rd at 8:30AM in the Church** consisting of the Rosary of Reparation, a reading about Fatima and consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. All are welcome!



**The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults or R.C.I.A.** is for those who are thinking about joining the Catholic Faith or who have not received all sacraments and wish to be in full communion with our Church. **Our first meeting is Tuesday, September 29th at 7:30PM in the School's Faculty Lounge.**

For further information, please contact Ann Hughes at 516-433-6972 or the rectory office at 516-931-0818.



*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!



**RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY**  
**OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH**  
**RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2015**

- THERE WILL BE FLYERS IN THE PEWS AT ALL MASSES FOR RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3rd AND 4th LISTING INFORMATION SERVICING LIFE AT ALL STAGES. THERE WILL BE A TABLE IN THE GATHERING PLACE WITH INFORMATION AVAILABLE ABOUT LIFE ISSUES FROM CONCEPTION TO NATURAL DEATH. BROCHURES ARE FREE OF CHARGE AND AVAILABLE FOR YOU TO TAKE HOME AND READ.
- THERE WILL BE A STANDUP FOR LIFE SPONSORED BY THE LONG ISLAND COALITION FOR LIFE ON 110 AND ROUTE 25, HUNTINGTON, 2PM TO 3:30 PM. COME JOIN IN ON PRAYER AND PEACEFUL PROTEST. RAIN OR SHINE.
- ADORATION AND ROSARY FOR LIFE WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21st 3-4PM IN THE CHURCH.
- ON THE WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 24th AND 25th, THE LIFE CENTER WILL BE CELEBRATING IT'S 10TH YEAR WITH ST. MARTIN'S WITH ITS BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN. BOTTLES WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE END OF ALL MASSES.

The Respect Life Committee will be celebrating it's 10th year. We are a committee of 15 members. Please join us for our monthly meetings to discuss life issues.

As we come together during the month of October, let us lift up the lives of those that are the most vulnerable, the unborn, the elderly, the sick and all those that need help and protection. We need a special prayer at this time, as the House passed a bill to defund taxpayer funding to Planned Parenthood because of the videos showing the selling of fetal baby parts. A second bill would protect a baby born alive after a failed abortion (Born-alive, Abortion Survivors Protection Act HR 3504). The Senate will consider and if these bills do pass, President Obama intends to veto them.

As our country is divided in so many ways, let us say a rosary for race relations, our police and veterans, the homeless, those without jobs, the drug addicted, women alone, pregnant and without hope. Let us pray for an end to spousal and child abuse, for the failure of assisted suicide, and a focus on religious freedom. Let us respect the lives of all people, here and around the world. Let peace begin with the arrival of Pope Francis for his wisdom and protection.

**TOGETHER WE PRAY:**

O Mary, bright dawn of the new world, Mother of the Living, to you do we entrust the course of life. Look down, O Mother, upon the vast numbers of the babies not allowed to be born. Of the poor whose lives are made difficult; of men and women who are victims of brutal violence, of the elderly and sick killed by indifference or out of misguided mercy. Grant that all who believe in your Son may Proclaim the Gospel of life with honesty and love. To the people of our time, obtain for them the grace to accept that Gospel. As a gift ever new, the joy of celebrating it with gratitude throughout their lives and the courage to bear witness to it. Resolutely, in order to build, together with all people of goodwill, and the civilization of truth and love, the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life. Amen.



The celebration of Father Henry’s ten years of service to the parish of St. Martin of Tours was a very beautiful event. Father Henry gave a very moving and inspiring homily at the Mass. Among the highlights was that over his past ten years he had come to see the parish as his family. He received a well-deserved great outpouring of love at the Mass and afterwards. As always, the music of the combined choirs under the direction of Elena Scollo was excellent. I also know that Father Henry was very touched by all those who wrote notes and tributes to him in the parish bulletin. The parish reception in Emmaus Hall was delightful with a very large attendance. I want to thank Sarah Indelicato and her dedicated staff in organizing and hosting the party. Sarah’s husband, Ed, was in the hospital (thankfully he is home now) so it was a stressful time for Sarah, but she and her team put together a delicious luncheon. God bless her and Ed and all the Hospitality Committee!

I also want to offer deep appreciation to Joanne Veltri and her great team of St. Clement Bakers. Whenever we announce that there will be baked goods from the St. Clement Bakers, the crowd doubles! So God bless Father Henry (who will be saying Mass here regularly) and all who helped express appreciation to him last Sunday!

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The Rectory Office was told that Mary Vitti is back home from the hospital and doing better after a very serious accident. We will let you know about the 8-week Bereavement Sessions that Mary had set up to begin in mid-October. We will keep you up-to-date in this bulletin. Please continue to pray for her speedy recovery.

**THE SAINT MARTIN OF TOURS YOUTH MINISTRY is teaming up with  
THE FRANCISCAN SISTERS OF THE RENEWAL for some wonderful community outreach!**

In order to help the Sisters serve their clients, we will be hosting a **Hat & Glove Drive** right here at SMT. We will be accepting new or used winter hats & gloves at every SMT Youth Ministry Event from now until October 9<sup>th</sup>. **Here's what you can do to maximize the number of warm items we can pass on...** Ask your friends, family, and neighbors if they have any clean old & usable hats & gloves that they can donate. **Collect them & bring them with you to any Youth Ministry event or at the rectory office!**

In January, Life Teen will be serving at the Soup Kitchen the Sisters run. More information about that coming soon! For more information or to find out how you can do more, contact the Youth Ministry Office! For more information on the CFR Sisters can be found at: [www.franciscansisterscfr.com](http://www.franciscansisterscfr.com)

**The Missionary Sister of Mary Immaculate**

**Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup> Life Teen welcomes the Missionary Sisters of Mary Immaculate to the 5:30pm Mass and to our Life Night.**

The Sisters will tell us about their mission and the needs of those they serve. Currently, their clients in the U.S. are in need of clothing. We will be collecting new and used clothing (all sizes) at all of our Youth Ministry Events from now through November 8. They are also in need of stationery: paper, envelopes, pens & pencils. For more information about the Sisters visit: [www.msomi.org](http://www.msomi.org)

Today, with more than 400 Sisters actively serving in Tanzania, Uganda, Kenya and the United States - the Missionary Sisters continue to hold closely to the belief that it is the duty of all Christians to reach out on behalf of those who cannot care for themselves. ***"Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress."*** (James 1:27) ~ MSoMI website



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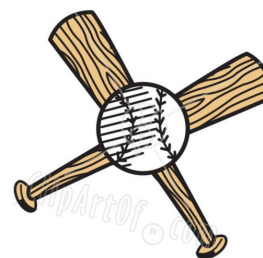
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# The Golden Harvest Festival & Raffle

Raffle limited to only five hundred tickets at \$100 each  
...fifty cash prizes for excellent odds of one in ten!

**WHEN:** Drawing will be held at a Festival Party  
Saturday evening in the School Cafeteria at 8PM on November 14th.

**\$100 per chance - go it alone or share a ticket with others!**

### LIST OF PRIZES

First Prize	\$5,000
2 Prizes	\$2,000
3 Prizes	\$ 500
4 Prizes	\$ 200
20 Prizes	\$ 150
20 Prizes	\$ 125



**50 Prizes!...only 500 tickets!...and a Party, too!**



**Tickets ON SALE**  
Beginning October 10th and 11th  
in the Gathering Area

**BEFORE *and* AFTER ALL MASSES**  
**(including the 5:30PM on Sunday)**

**As well as in the Rectory Office during the following week!**

I must confess I am a political junkie since I watched all three hours of the Republican debate the other night. I do have one excuse: the Mets were losing their game so I decided to watch the debate. One of the easier questions the candidates were asked was about how the Secret Service always gives the president a nickname for their communications, what name would each of them choose. To mention a few, Mike Huckabee chose Duck Hunter, Ben Carson - One Nation, Carly Fiorina - Secretariat, Marco Rubio -Gator, and Jeb Bush - Ever Ready. Perhaps the most interesting choice was the name Donald Trump said he would like to have - Humble! That brought forth many laughs from the audience.

In today's Gospel we see the apostles of Jesus struggling with the question of humility. Jesus tells the apostles, *The Son of Man is to be handed over to men and they will kill him, and three days after his death the Son of Man will rise.* This is shocking news to them. Jesus is going to be killed, and then he will rise from the dead. This makes little sense to them. They cannot believe Jesus will be killed and even more confusing is the idea that anyone can rise from the dead. So the apostles change the subject as they are walking to Capernaum and they start arguing who is the most important one among them. Perhaps they argued who was chosen first, or who is Jesus' favorite, or who has the most courage.

When they get to town, they sit down to rest and Jesus asks them what they were talking about as they were walking. None of them want to admit what they were talking about so they remain silent. Jesus has a little child stand in their midst. He says, *Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, and receives not me but the One who sent me.* Jesus is not talking about the innocence or goodness of children but rather, in the Palestinian culture of the first century children were considered the lowest rung on the social order. A child was totally dependent on his parents and could decide nothing for his or her self.

We like humility in our society. A football player who is a great star and wins the game who attributes his entire success to his teammates and coaches is someone we respect. A doctor who performs a complicated surgery and thanks God for his or her talents or gifts is admired. A graduate who thanks his or her parents for his success, a cook who thanks those who helped prepare the meal, a friend who does a good deed and says, please it was a pleasure to help, are people we see as humble and rightly so. On the other hand, we have seen on television and in our own personal lives people who are very boastful and braggarts. Although they can sometimes make us laugh by their brashness, we really find such people turn us off. Even if you are not a disciple of Jesus, it is good to be humble. We like humble people.

Humility is not about denying our gifts and talents. There is nothing wrong with feeling proud about your achievements and successes. God has given us all a variety of gifts and talents to use for the good of others and to give him praise, and we should be grateful for these abilities. We should know our talents and gifts, value them, and thank God and all who helped us develop them. And we should use them in service to others. Quite honestly, we have all had the experience of saying to someone, *Gee, you did a great job. Congratulations.* The response sometime is, *Oh that was nothing. There are many people who could have done it better than I did.* Maybe that is a humble response or maybe the person is fishing for an even greater compliment as we tell them, *Oh no, you are wrong. You were great!*

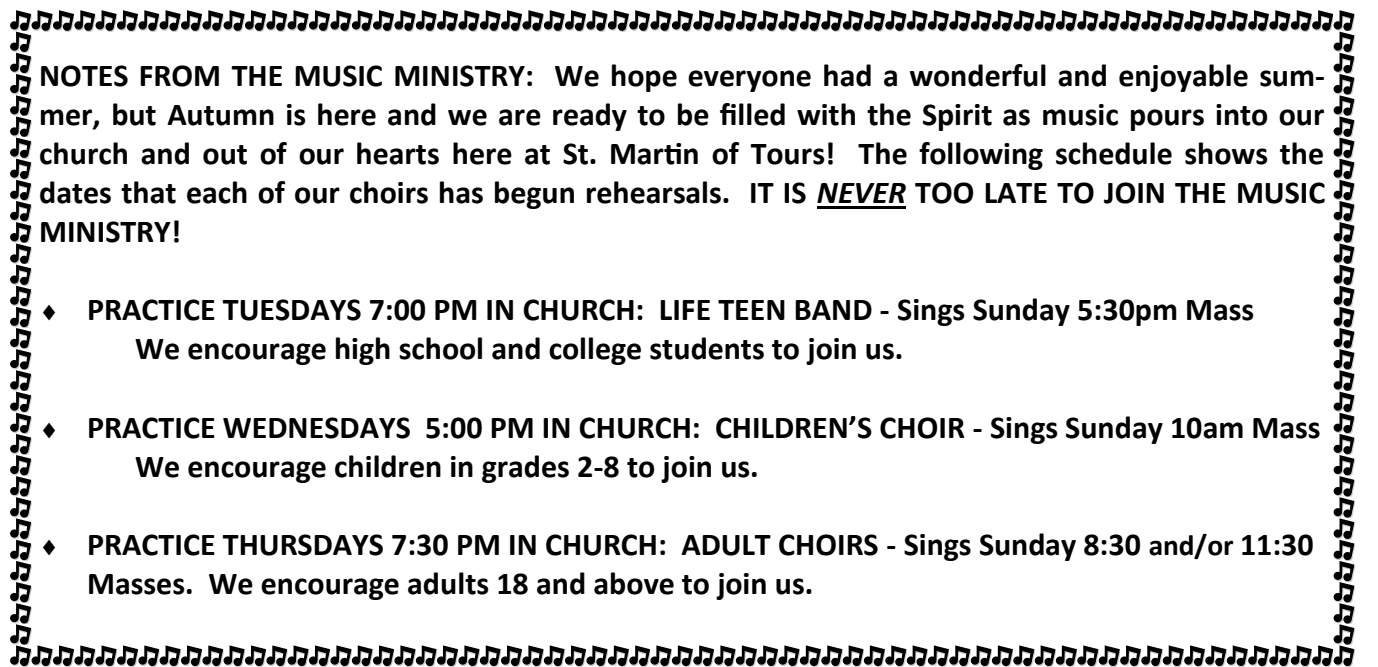


**I** do think many of us struggle internally with being humble. We may feel a resentment when we see someone else in our family, or at our job, or in our parish received praise and recognition. We try to be gracious but in our hearts there is a voice shouting, ‘What about me!’ Try this out on one of your priests: Tell him about some other priest who is a great preacher, a wonderful pastor, a brilliant man. It won’t be long before the priest you are talking to looks at his watch and tells you he is busy.

It is hard to be humble because pride is the mother and father of all sin. Pride is at the root of almost all sins. Strangely, much of pride comes from a poor self-image. We think so poorly of ourselves, we try to mask it by seeing ourselves as better than others. Ultimately, humility and pride raise a most serious spiritual reality. The first sin in the Garden of Eden, was a sin of pride and a failure in humility. Adam and Eve had a perfect life; they had a great friendship with God. They lived in paradise and they had each other. Satan, the father of lies, knew how to trap them: by pride. He tells them: *Don’t listen to God. If you eat the fruit God has told you not to eat, you will be like God. You will not have to be just humans, you will be like God.* And, they fall for this appeal to their pride.

The root of the word *humble* is the same root as the word *human*. Both words come from the word *humus* which means *earth or ground*. To be humble is to know we are human and not God. To be a human being is wonderful; we are made in the image of God and we are both body and soul and are to live forever. Yet to be human is also to know we are not perfect. We have sins and faults, we fail at things, we resent others, we feel unappreciated, we want more than what we have, we hate any limitations, and worst of all, we have no control over so many things: the weather, red lights, other people, and worst of all sickness and death. To be human is a great gift from God, but it is to be limited.

When we know we are creatures made by God for God, we are happy. When we do not know this, when we believe we can have and do it all in life, that there are no limits, we are doomed to unhappiness since we will never be satisfied. We are dust and unto dust we shall return, but it is **God** who will bring us to the fullness of eternal life. - Father Pat


**NOTES FROM THE MUSIC MINISTRY:** We hope everyone had a wonderful and enjoyable summer, but Autumn is here and we are ready to be filled with the Spirit as music pours into our church and out of our hearts here at St. Martin of Tours! The following schedule shows the dates that each of our choirs has begun rehearsals. **IT IS NEVER TOO LATE TO JOIN THE MUSIC MINISTRY!**

- ◆ **PRACTICE TUESDAYS 7:00 PM IN CHURCH: LIFE TEEN BAND - Sings Sunday 5:30pm Mass**  
We encourage high school and college students to join us.
- ◆ **PRACTICE WEDNESDAYS 5:00 PM IN CHURCH: CHILDREN’S CHOIR - Sings Sunday 10am Mass**  
We encourage children in grades 2-8 to join us.
- ◆ **PRACTICE THURSDAYS 7:30 PM IN CHURCH: ADULT CHOIRS - Sings Sunday 8:30 and/or 11:30 Masses.** We encourage adults 18 and above to join us.

### The Great Commission

***And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth. "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Matthew 28: 17-20***

Whenever I celebrate baptisms here at St. Martin's, I use this Gospel for the reading and a very brief homily to follow. I have learned that with five or six babies present to be baptized, along with many other young children of family members, it is best not to try the patience of the little once by speaking too long. Also, it is fair to say that everyone in church is far more interested in looking at the babies and making *goo-goo* sounds to the infants than in listening to the preacher. I make one simple point in my talk: this Gospel, called the Great Commission since it is really that last command that Jesus gives the apostles before he returns to the Father, is the mission statement of the Catholic Church. Our Church is called to make invite people to be followers of Jesus Christ and to help them learn what it means to be a disciple of Jesus.

All the ministries here at St. Martin's are vital to the life of the parish and to this mission. Some of us proclaim the Scriptures as Lectors, others help distribute the Body and Blood of Jesus at Mass and to the homebound. Others help assist the poor and needy through the Mother Teresa Outreach Center and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Some ministries have the goal of deepening our prayers lives. The Garden Committee seeks to beautify our property and the St. Clement Bakers seek to console those who mourn, as do the Arimatheans who assist the clergy at funerals.

We have many committees that seek to guide the parish in being faithful to its overall mission to proclaim the Good News of Jesus. The ushers take up the collection and we have a team of people to count what is brought in. We need financial support to assist in proclaiming the Gospel. Our altar servers help our priests as they celebrate Mass. I cannot mention all the ministries of the parish since this letter would become longer than the phone book! Still, you name any ministry and I will tell you that it is about making disciples of all nations at its core.

*Today on Catechetical Sunday, I want to give recognition and total support to three very vital ministries of our parish and the men and women who serve in them: the Religious Education Program, the Baptismal Program, and the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. These three apostolates are key in passing on the Catholic faith to the next generation of parishioners. In the baptismal program, we welcome infants into our community; however, we are also seeking to proclaim to the parents of the babies that they are to be the primary teachers of faith to their children. In the R.C.I.A. program, we welcome people who are seeking to become Catholics into our community, as well as guiding men and woman who *are* Catholics as they seek to receive sacraments that they may not have received when they were younger.*



Finally, we have at least 1,000 children who come to our parish weekly, from grades one through eight, who are entrusted to us by their parents to help them learn about their Catholic faith and to put what they learn into practice. Religious education is a very large program that needs a great deal of volunteers to assist in this most important task of making disciples of all nations. During these eight years of religious education, our children will receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Communion and Confirmation. We are blessed by a wonderful staff of coordinators and teachers under the direction of Pat Ryan and Laura Leigh Agnese.

I have great admiration for the men and women who serve in our religious education program. For the next six months, they will come to teach our children about the love God has for each one of them. Most of these volunteers are not trained teachers; they teach because they love Jesus Christ and want to help others to know and love him. Although all who are part of the parish life are part of our evangelization efforts, those who serve in religious education, the RCIA program and the baptismal program are key members of our efforts to proclaim the Gospel. I am also grateful to Erin Horan-Baudille who along with a dedicated team guide the young through the Edge and Lifeteen program. They are seeking to deepen the experience of what our children have learned in religious education.

We are all aware that this is no easy time to be a teacher of the Good News of Jesus since we live in such as secular society. The primary teachers of our children in faith are always their parents. Our programs are excellent, but without the full support and active participation of the parents of the children in our religious education program, it is very difficult to be effective in passing on the Catholic faith.

On this Catechetical Sunday, I thank all the men and women who serve in our many parish ministries. In particular, I ask your prayers for all who serve in the baptismal, R.C.I.A. and religious education programs. They are my heroes.

#### ***A Catechist's Prayer***

*Father of all families, you have called me to serve the family in truth and love as a catechist. May I be faithful to this call, rooted in your Word, and open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit.*

*May I use these gifts, especially the gifts of faith, hope, and love, to serve the family as a witness to you, who are love and life and the source and destiny of all families.*

*Let your Spirit enlighten my mind and strengthen my heart so that I can be a path of Christ's love to families, especially those in need, the homebound and aged, the disabled and disheartened.*

*Through the intercession of Mary and Joseph, I pray for the Church, the Bride of Christ, whose mission to build a civilization of love, passes through the family. Amen.*

### EXPLORING THE BOOK OF GENESIS

Father Jim McCabe, CSsR

Beginning Monday, September 14th 7:15 - 8:15PM St. Alphonsus Hall

Father Jim McCabe, CSsR will conduct sessions for two - three years on the Book of Genesis which contains fifty chapters. Each session will explore two chapters. Some of topics for discussion will be questions like: Why are there two creation accounts? Why are people so old in the Book of Genesis? Why are there two flood accounts? Other topics will be explored as well. Questions will be taken at the end of each session. All sessions are on Monday with the exception of Tuesday, November 24. Father Jim has prepared the following schedule:

September 28	NO SESSION
October 5	Chapters Five & Six
October 12	Chapters Seven & Eight
October 19	Chapters Nine & Ten
October 26	Chapters Eleven & Twelve
November 2	NO SESSION
November 9	Chapters Thirteen & Fourteen
November 16	Chapters Fifteen & Sixteen
November 24	Chapters Seventeen & Eighteen (Tuesday Evening)

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Sept 27: Catechetical Sunday 10AM Church/Reception to follow in St. Alphonsus Hall
- Sept 27: Blessing of the Animals 2:15PM (due to Parish Picnic on Oct. 4th)
- Sept 27: Life Teen Ministry Kickoff 5:30PM Mass with Life Night to follow
- Sept 29: RCIA Meeting 7:30PM School Faculty Lounge
- Sept 30: Life Line Screening begins at 9AM St. Alphonsus Hall  
*Pre-registration required. Call Life Line Screening at 1-866-579-5069*
- Sept 30: Holy Hour with Father Pat 3PM Church
- Oct 2: First Friday 7PM Eucharistic Chapel
- Oct 3: First Saturday 8:30AM Church
- Oct 4: PARISH PICNIC 2PM School Parking Lot
- Oct 8: Edge Ministry Kickoff 7PM Perpetual Help Youth Center
- Oct 21: Respect Life Holy Hour
- Oct 23: SMT Book Club 7:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Oct 24/25: Baby Bottle Campaign
- Nov 1: Knights of Columbus Membership Drive and  
 Charitable & Benevolent Association Chance Books Sunday Masses Only

*To My Saint Martin of Tours Family,*

*Words cannot say how thankful I am for the tremendous outpouring  
of love, condolences and caring I received at the wake and funeral  
of my beloved husband, Deacon Jim.*

*My family and I were overwhelmed and so appreciative.  
We could see how much Deacon Jim was loved  
and the impact he had on so many lives.*

*We thank Father Pat for the beautiful send-off  
and the Redemptorists  
and the Deacons who attended.*

*We will miss him, but we know he is with the Lord and at peace.*

*Again, thank you so very much from the bottom of our hearts.*

*Yours in Christ Jesus,  
Carmela and Family*

