Masses For The Week

**Monday - January 9**
- 6:30 Madeline T. Stein
- 9:00 Josephine Caprio

**Tuesday - January 10**
- 6:30
- 9:00 Linda Fulford

**Wednesday - January 11**
- 6:30
- 9:00 McCarthy & Gould Families

**Thursday - January 12**
- 6:30 Sr. Mary Charlotte, C.S.J.
- 9:00 Anna Marshall, Anniversary

**Friday - January 13**
- 6:30 Robert McCarron
- 9:00 Anne Gilheany

**Saturday - January 14**
- 9:00 Intentions Announced at Mass
- 5:00 Peter S. Rossello
- 7:00 Richard Godek

**Sunday - January 15**
- 7:00 The People of the Parish
- 8:30 Barry Family
- 10:00 Anthony Guglielmo
- 11:30 M/M Herman Tittmann
- 1:00 Catherine Armstrong
- 5:30 Rose Marshall, Anniversary
  Joseph Strama, Anniversary

Readings For The Week

**Mon.** Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 or Isaiah 55:1-11;
  Acts 10:34-38 or 1 John 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11
**Tues.** 1 Samuel 1:9-20; Mark 1:21-28
**Wed.** 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20; Mark 1:29-39
**Thurs.** 1 Samuel 4:1-11; Mark 1:40-45
**Fri.** 1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mark 2:1-12
**Sat.** 1 Sam. 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Mark 2:13-17
**Sun.** 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19 Samuel thought Eli was calling him but then recognized the Lord. He said, “Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.” He heard the Lord and followed.
  1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20 Paul told his friends that their bodies are “members of Christ...a temple of the Holy Spirit within you.” He said, “You are not your own...Glorify God in your body.”
  John 1:35-42 Andrew sought out his brother Simon to tell him, “We found the Messiah” (The Christ). Jesus met Simon and renamed him Cephas (Peter).

Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift

**Last Week December 31/January 1 Collection**
Amount Budgeted: $17,500.00
Amount Received: $17,210.29
Thank you for your generosity & support!

Reflection & Living Stewardship

The three wise men who came from the East to pay homage to the infant Jesus brought Him rich gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh as part of their worship. What gifts have I brought to this celebration to offer to the newborn Savior?

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who develop their talents to the fullest in order to use them to benefit church and community by assisting the poor, feeding the hungry, consoling the sorrowful and teaching the young.

Charismatic Prayer Group

God loves U-turns. He puts them all over the broken roads and thorny paths. So if you find yourself lost in the potholes, weeds and thorns, hang a U-turn and God will lead you back to Him. Start the new year on the right path!

Our next meeting is Monday, January 9th at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Call Margo at 516-993-9672 for answers to any questions or for prayer intentions.

St. Martin of Tours HOP Club

| Jan. 2 #164 | The Pigott Family | $25.00 |
| Jan. 3 #251 | Rose Shackleton | $25.00 |
| Jan. 4 #381 | Joan & Leon Gardner | $25.00 |
| Jan. 5 #245 | M/M Frank Novak | $25.00 |
| Jan. 6 #498 | John & Maureen Castles | $50.00 |

Divine Mercy Novena

Every Friday at 2:00 p.m.
in the Eucharistic Chapel
One of my all time favorite movie scenes takes place in the film *Witness*. Harrison Ford plays a Philadelphia police officer who must hide out among the Amish community in Lancaster County since there are some corrupt police officers after him. A newly married Amish couple has a “barn raising” where the entire community comes together and in one day a barn is built. Every person either works on the barn or is involved in feeding the workers. It is a powerful image of community.

On December 24th, I witnessed a similar scene. There must have been forty or so volunteers in the church, under the excellent guidance of Ann Hughes, decorating our church for Christmas. Plants were moving, floors were being cleaned, trees lighted, and laurel strung. I was terrified as I walked through the church because I was afraid I might be put to work! Using your generous flower donations, what a great tribute they gave to the newborn King, Our Lord Jesus!

But the work of Christmas had been going on for many days before in the parish. Our maintenance team, T.J. Hance and Peter Morici along with parishioner, George Hoban, were preparing the outdoor and indoor crèches and hanging wreaths and laurels. Whenever I went into the church during Advent, I noticed that our musicians, under the direction of Elena Scollo and John Struck, were conducting choir practices to prepare our Christmas music. They, the musicians, the cantors and the members of all our choirs spent many hours preparing Christmas liturgies, all of which were very beautiful.

On Christmas Eve, we had six masses - four in the Church, one at the Knights of Columbus, and one in the school. I am grateful to Vinnie Romano and Jim Miller for all their help in setting us up in the Knights of Columbus Hall. Our sacristan, Sue Mafrici, made sure everything was in place for all these masses. She was busier than a traffic cop at Times Square during rush hour!

Cookie Fietz and her family once again did a splendid ministry in preparing our annual Christmas pageant as they sorted out and dressed our children as shepherds, sheep, angels and kings. Certainly, Fathers Henry and Jim, our deacons and staff, and all our ministers were so very involved in our Christmas celebrations giving so generously of themselves.

All our masses were very well attended on Christmas Eve. Our parish community gave glory to God and witnessed so very well to our love for him and our parish family. I was very proud to be part of such a community. We did not raise a barn, but we surely were working to build the kingdom of God here on earth. *Happy New Year to all!*

Father Pat  
woodcssr@aol.com
“Whatever you do for one of these, the least of my sisters and brothers, you did it for me.”

Thank you for your exceptional generosity over the Christmas Holiday. The pantry was able to assist over 800 people during the month of December!

This week the pantry is low on toilet paper, laundry detergent, bar soap, toothpaste, tooth brushes, shampoo, tissues, mustard, catsup, oil, mayonnaise, pancake mix and syrup, hearty soups, canned meats, diapers sizes 5 & 6, and wipes.

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

PRE-CANA PROGRAM
St. Martin of Tours Pre-Cana Program begins tonight, January 8th and continues until the closing on February 5th at the 11:30 a.m. mass.

Please keep the engaged couples as well as the married couples facilitating the groups in your prayers. Thank you for your support.

Interested in working the program? Please call us at 796-5520 for more information. We need you!

Deacon Jim and Carmela Biggin

Long Island Coalition for Life, Inc.
P.O. Box 223 Ronkonkoma NY 11779 (631) 243-1435
P.O. Box 247, Old Bethpage NY 11804
www.ProLifeLI.org

FACE THE TRUTH
Help restore the right to life for pre-born humans. Please join the LICL for Roe V. Wade Anniversary Memorial FACE THE TRUTH event on Sunday, January 15 from 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. on the sidewalk in front of Nassau University Medical Center, 2201 Hempstead Turnpike, East Meadow. This peaceful witness is held at the hospital where abortions are committed. Abortion kills nearly one baby every hour on Long Island. All peaceful pro-lifers are welcome to join this effort to change hearts and minds to a respect for all human life. Signs provided. For information, please call (631) 243-1435.

Week of January 8-14, 2012
Altar Bread & Wine
In Loving Memory of
Robert Shackleton

Rest in Peace
Frank Gritser, Claire Burnett, Gonzalo Cantos
Paul Monnello, Ryan Steubing
Florence DeSario
As we mark National Vocations Awareness Week (January 8-15), we pray that more young people will hear and answer God’s call, especially to the religious life and the priesthood. In particular, we pray for an increase in vocations to the Redemptorists:

Provident God, you spoke your dream of plentiful redemption in Jesus Christ. Your Spirit ignited the heart of St. Alphonsus, inspiring him to found a family in the Church dedicated to proclaiming the good news of plentiful redemption to the most abandoned.

Raise up among us strong women and men of faith, afire with love for you and zeal for the mission of proclaiming your word among those who do not know you, or who need to hear your word proclaimed anew. Guide men to respond with generosity as vowed Redemptorist priests and brothers, and women and men to serve in joy and hope as partners in the Redemptorist mission. We ask this in the name of Jesus, your Word, who is our Life. Amen.

For more information about Redemptorist vocations, visit www.redemptoristvocations.com.

WANT TO BECOME A REDEMPTORIST?

“For more than 170 years, he has been the street walking, kitchen-sitting, plain-speaking, ordinary looking priest/companion who fully believed in bountiful redemption for all - not only for the poor and most abandoned - but for himself. Maybe that’s why the people could tell that he was a Redemptorist priest.” - Fr. John McGowan, C.Ss.R.

In Matthew’s Gospel, the rich young man asked Jesus: “What more can I do to have eternal life?” The path taken toward exploring a vocation to religious life always begins with a question.

What more can I do? How can I help others? Why do I feel a sense of “something missing?” How can I feel more fulfilled?

The source of that fulfillments lies in Christ. Perhaps you are being called to serve God in religious life. How do you know?

Let me tell you about our life in community, about the joyous fulfillment we share following Christ as Redemptorist priests or brothers.

In Christ’s Love,
Fr. Richard Bennett, C.Ss.R.
Vocation Director
vocations@redemptorists.net
**SAINT JOHN NEUMANN - FEAST DAY, JANUARY 5th**

**We Redemptorists are very proud of St. John Neumann.** He was a member of our Province, and was the first male American citizen to be canonized by the Catholic Church. This year we are celebrating the two hundredth anniversary of his birth and the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of his death. We are planning to have a special time in our parish at St. Martin’s. The date is to be announced. Here is information about his life taken from the Redemptorist website: (redemptorists.net)

John Neumann was born in Prachatitz in Bohemia (now the Czech Republic) on March 28, 1811. He studied theology in the seminary of Budweis. Zealous for the missionary life and to lead souls to Christ, he decided to leave his homeland to dedicate himself to the European immigrants in America, who were deprived of spiritual support.

Neumann was ordained a priest by the bishop of New York in June 1836, and gave himself to the pastoral care of people in the vast area around Niagara Falls. Wanting to live in a religious community that corresponded more to his missionary vocation, in January 1842 he entered the Redemptorists. A tireless missionary, Neumann busied himself in particular with the German immigrants, first in Baltimore, then in Pittsburgh.

Having filled the role of vice-provincial superior of the Redemptorists from 1846-49, he became the parish priest of St. Alphonsus Church in Baltimore. In 1852, at the age of 41, he was named bishop of Philadelphia. Neumann had a strong effect on the religious life of the United States by founding Catholic schools and promoting devotion to the Eucharist. He founded a new religious institute — the Third Order of Saint Francis of Glen Riddle. The School Sisters of Notre Dame likewise regard Neumann as their secondary founder, their "Father in America." In just seven years, he built 89 churches, as well as several hospitals and orphanages. As a bishop, Neumann was untiring in visiting his vast diocese.

On January 5, 1860, at the age of 49, he died suddenly of a heart attack on a Philadelphia street. Neumann was beatified during the Second Vatican Council on October 13, 1963, and was canonized on June 19, 1977. In the homily on the occasion of Neumann's canonization, Pope Paul VI summarized the activity of the new saint: "He was close to the sick, he loved to be with the poor, he was a friend of sinners, and now he is the glory of all emigrants."

St. John Neumann is invoked as a patron of sick children and of immigrants.

**Prayer to St. John Neumann, C.Ss.R.**

O Jesus, who on earth commanded and practiced a hidden life, grant that—in these our days of pride and outward display—the example of your servant John Neumann may lead us to follow your humble ways.

Grant, O Lord, that like your holy bishop we may do all our work with the pure intention of pleasing you, and let not our deeds be done to win the favor of others but to give glory to our Father in heaven.

We thank you that our fellow citizen and devoted missionary bishop is recognized among the saints of your Church in heaven, and we beseech you, O Lord, to glorify him on earth by granting the favors we ask through his intercession. Amen.
Words of Wisdom to Weather Winter Weather
An article from Brave Hearts Newsletter, January 2012 - St. Francis Hospital, Roslyn NY

At this time of year our members are hunkered down in their homes and trying to make the best of it. But what can you do to stay not only warm but safe in these winter conditions?

YOUR HOME: Eliminate dead tree branches. Falling limbs - or trees - can harm roofs, siding, gutters, porch railings, decks, and cars, not to mention an unsuspecting passerby. Weatherproof your plumbing by shutting off the supply of water to outdoor spigots and sprinkler systems, then drain them. Also cover the outdoor components of your air conditioner or swamp cooler to protect them from the elements. If you plan to use your fireplace this winter, make sure your chimney is clean and no critters have made themselves a home there. Make sure your carbon monoxide detectors are working properly and replace old batteries. If you cook on a gas range, use the fan on your stove hood, if it’s vented to the outside, to reduce your carbon monoxide exposure. Adjust your burners so you get a nice blue flame; a yellow-tipped flame produces more emissions. Make sure to get an annual furnace inspection to ensure the safety and efficiency of your home heating system.

YOUR BODY: Being an older adult increases your risk of injury from exposure to cold temperatures. It’s easy to get cold quickly if you are outside in wet, windy, or cold weather. Cold temperature exposure can also happen if you spend time in a dwelling or other building that is not well-heated during cold weather.

“Frostnip” usually affects skin on the face, ears, or fingertips. “Frostnip” may cause numbness or blue-white skin color for a short time, but normal feeling and color return quickly when you get warm. No permanent tissue damage occurs.

Frostbite is freezing of the skin and the tissues under the skin because of temperatures below freezing. Frostbitten skin looks pale or blue and feels cold, numb, and stiff or rubbery to the touch.

Hypothermia (an abnormally low body temperature) occurs when the body loses heat faster than it can make heat. Early symptoms of hypothermia include shivering in adults and older children, clumsy movements, apathy (lack of concern), poor judgment, and cold, pale, or blue-gray skin. Hypothermia is an emergency condition as it can quickly lead to unconsciousness and death if the heat loss is not stopped.

YOUR DRIVING: The winter months bring snow, ice, and more darkness than light. All of these factors can translate into more dangerous driving conditions. That’s why it’s important to take the necessary steps to prepare yourself for winter driving. Speed limits are posted for optimal conditions. Reducing your speed is the best way to avoid crashes and injuries. Leave adequate space between your vehicle and other cars. A following distance of about eight to 10 seconds should suffice. Keep your eyes and mind on the road. Studies have found that using a cell phone (even hands-free) puts you at greater risk. (source: WebMD.com)

Tips from Mark Hoornstra, M.D., Director of Emergency Medicine at St. Francis Hospital
Emergency rooms see an increase in slip and fall injuries as well as in cardiac conditions when people head outside to shovel snow. Here are some helpful hints.

• Wear gloves and hat to keep warm and high boots to protect the ankles from turning.
• Bring a container of warm tea or cocoa outside with you. It’s important to keep warm and to stay hydrated in the cold.
• Don’t eat a big meal before shoveling.
• Take breaks. Don’t attempt to do the entire driveway at once.
• Ask for help. If you can’t hire professionals, let family members help.
• If you are shoveling alone, if possible make sure someone nearby is watching in case you fall or have cardiac problems.
• Keep your cell phone in a pocket in case you need to call for help. Especially with cardiac issues, a time delay can be deadly.
• Don’t stoop. Keep your back straight and use your legs to lift the snow.
• If after shoveling you feel achy, take some Ibuprofen (Motrin) or Acetaminophen (Tylenol).
Life Teen: There is a Life Night after the 5:30 p.m. mass this Sunday. All high school aged teens are invited and welcome to attend.

Life Teen’s upcoming winter retreat is February 3, 4, & 5th at Emmanuel Retreat Center, Kellenberg Memorial High School, Uniondale. Please contact Erin for more information.

Edge: Our next Edge Night will be on Friday, January 20 from 7-9 p.m. in the Parish Hall. All 6th, 7th, and 8th graders are welcome!

Parent Life: Our next Parent Life meeting will be on January 15th following the 5:30 p.m. Mass. All parents of middle and high school youth are invited to attend. No children please.

Please visit our website: www.SMTLifeTeen.com for photos and more information! To contact Erin, you can e-mail EKHoran@yahoo.com.

Adoration hosted by the Life Teen Youth Ministry is this Tuesday, January 10th from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Church.

Please come and join us as we give honor and glory to our Lord Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.

All are welcome!
**HOLY HOUR**

The Right to Life Ministry will be hosting a Holy Hour on Sunday, January 22nd at 7:00PM in the Church.

Everyone is welcome to come to petition our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament for all those mothers who may be pressured to abort their babies.

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**20 Years of Faith**

“Hearts for LaSalle Crystal Gala”

Save the Date: February 10, 2012

St. John Baptist de LaSalle Regional Catholic School will be celebrating 20 years of Catholic Education in our Parish Regional School. The date is **Friday evening, February 10, 2012 at the Carlyle on the Green at Bethpage State Park.** More information to follow: Commemorative 20 Years of Faith Journal, Sponsorships, Advertising, Alumni and more!

Gala Coordinators are Maria Venezia and Kim Lieberz. Visit us on Facebook: “Hearts for LaSalle Crystal Gala” or contact us:

- Email: heartsforlasalle@gmail.com
- Phone: (516) 503-5543

Be a part of our Anniversary slideshow by sending us your LaSalle photos from 1991 to the present!

Send them via email, Facebook, or mail a copy to:

LaSalle Regional Catholic School
50 Cherry Street
Farmingdale NY 11735 - Attn: Gala

(photo prints will not be returned)

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**ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

The sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be administered on Saturday, January 14th during the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

All those who will be having surgery or suffer from chronic illness are invited to attend.

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**VIRTUS TRAINING**

**Virtus** is mandated by the Diocese of Rockville Center in order to become a volunteer. The next Virtus training session at St. Martin of Tours is Wednesday, January 11th from 7:00-10:00 PM in the Faculty Lounge of the school.

You can also check the Diocese of Rockville Center’s website at drvc.org, then go to Protecting Children where you should find the Virtus Training Calendar.

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The next Healing Mass will be on Monday, January 16, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. with Father John Connor, C.Ss.R. Recitation of the rosary will begin at 7:00 p.m.

All are welcome!
The Catholic Counseling Center

Professional therapy, provided by NYS licensed therapists, is available to our parish. This program, under the direction of Dr. George Giuliani is provided by the Catholic Counseling Center which is independent of and not controlled or supervised by the parish or the diocese.

Most insurance policies, including Medicare, are honored. Confidential information and appointments are available by calling Dr. Giuliani at 631-243-2503 or go to their website at http://thecatholiccounselingcenter.com.

40th Year Reunion for the Class of 1972

Hoping for July 14, 2012

Please join us in celebrating our younger years with some old time friends!

For further information, please call Nancy Reisert (516) 749-2745

Young Families Group of St. Martin’s

Due to low enrollment, we will be looking at other options for this group. If you would like to contact Deacon Gene Capobianco with your input and suggestions, please call him at (516) 933-4690. May God bless all our young families!

ST. DOMINIC HIGH SCHOOL
110 Anstice Street
Oyster Bay NY 11771
Attn:  Mrs. Mascia

Students accepted on a first come—first served basis. There will be no refunds once the course begins. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Dillon at (516) 922-4888 ext. 6522. Send your name, address, phone number and school you are presently attending to the above address.

2012 PSAT/SAT EXAM PREP COURSE
For May 5th SAT Exam

Course will be held on the following Saturdays:
March 3, 17, 24 & 31
And April 21 and 28
9:00 - 11:30 a.m. in Marian Hall

Course Fee:  $250.00 (includes textbook)
Contact: Mrs. Mascia
(516) 922-4888 x 5315

MESSAGE FROM
Zorn’s Poultry Farms

Zorn’s is proud to announce their “PROCEEDS MONTHS” during January and February 2012 which includes all three Zorn’s located at 4321 Hempstead Turnpike, Bethpage; 1939 Hempstead Turnpike, East Meadow and 2495 Merrick Road, Bellmore.

This program is designed to help raise funds for local houses of worship, local schools and sports entities. The Zorn’s Family is ever mindful of the rising cost of energy, upkeep and labor involved in maintaining buildings. Customers who visit any one of the Zorn’s locations and who mention St. Martin of Tours, Bethpage will have 10% of the purchase price donated to the church.

Please take this opportunity to experience great food and help your parish at the same time.

Thank you in advance for your participation!
Sincerely, The Zorn Family
RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE
January 23, 2012 March on Washington to Reverse Roe v. Wade

What is Roe v. Wade?
It is the 1973 Supreme Court ruling that legalized abortion nationwide. A woman said she was pregnant from rape and wanted an abortion (“Jane Roe” in court documents). She sued a Texas district attorney (Henry Wade) to prevent him from enforcing a Texas law banning abortion except to save the mother’s life. On January 22, 1973, the court decided this case and a similar case (Doe v. Bolton) in which a woman, who was denied an abortion by a hospital review committee (“Mary Doe” in court documents), had challenged Georgia’s law. The Court struck down both laws with the effect of striking down similar laws in all the other states as well. “Jane Roe” later admitted having lied about the rape. Horrified at these decisions’ impact, both she and “Mary Doe” are now among those URGING THEIR REVERSAL. (source: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops)

Since January 22, 1973, the death toll has surpassed FIFTY MILLION babies. Although the rate of abortion has fluctuated over the years, the number of unborn babies lost in the name of “CHOICE” continues to be staggering. The most recent date indicates that in both the United States and Canada, there is a ratio of at least one abortion to every four live births. The statistics are even more shocking in places like New York City where two babies are killed through abortion for every three who are born. (source: Columbia Knights of Columbus editorial).

THE DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE INVITES PARISHIONERS TO JOIN US IN WASHINGTON, D.C. FOR THE 2012 MARCH FOR LIFE.

For more information contact the Diocese at (516) 678-5800 ext. 626 or 381. Email dtellis@drvc.org.