

September 6, 2009
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
“ Praise the Lord, my soul!”

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

Mass Intentions

Weekend of September 6, 2009

5:00 PM (ENGLISH)

LECTOR – R. Phillip

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

P. Droessler B. Fong Lee D. Lee

F. Defay M. L. Lebon P. Peisel

ALTAR SERVERS– C. Occil, D. Beachamp

7:30 AM (ENGLISH)

LECTOR– M. Gonzalez

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

C. Bargeron V. Costello E. St. Louis

M. A. Brady M. Gonzalez M. St. Louis

ALTAR SERVERS– C. Bargeron, J. Fray

8:45 AM (SPANISH)

LECTORS– M. Gonzalez, D. Morales, O. Mejia

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER-

V. Maldonado V. Ampie J. Lazo

A. Patino A. Ferreira A. Lazo

ALTAR SERVERS– J. Canas, J. Canas, A. Mejia,

K. Mejia

11:00 AM (ENGLISH)

LECTOR– K. Lyons

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Y. Bellevue M. Denis C. Nicholson

M. L. Charles W. Delpesh V. Semper

ALTAR SERVERS– E. Jordan, T. Jordan

12:30 PM (HAITIAN)

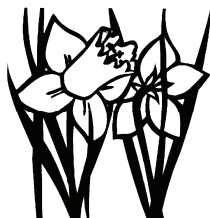
LECTORS– N. St. Louis, I. Lamour, J. Noel

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS–

F. Defay, L. Joachim

ALTAR SERVERS—

If there is any difference between the above and your individual schedule, the individual one is to be considered correct.



September 6, 2009

Monday

8:30 AM

September 7– Labor Day

In Thanksgiving for The Triune God

Tuesday

8:30 AM

September 8– The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mary Christensen

Wednesday

8:30 AM

September 9– St. Peter Claver

Grace Mattia

Thursday

8:30AM

September 10

Thomas J. Boyle

Friday

8:30 AM

September 11

In thanksgiving for Katrina Charles

Saturday

5:00 PM

September 12–

Antonio Isabel Pineda

Sunday

7:30 AM

8:45 AM

11:00AM

12:30 PM

September 13

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

John W. Mahoney

Leon Romero

Ralph Marino

In Thanksgiving for Pericles Family

The Bread and Wine for the

Week of September 6 to September 12, 2009
are offered

In Memory of Antonio Philoctete

Requested by

The Philoctete Family

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR

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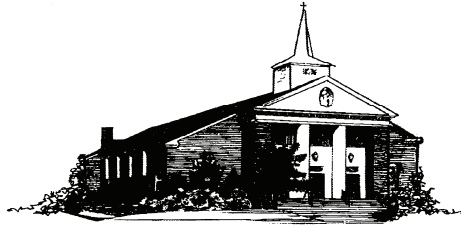
Isaiah 50:4-9.

Psalms 116:1-6, 8-9.

James 2:14-18.

Mark 8:27-35.





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THE PASTOR'S WEEKLY LETTER – September 6th 2009

Dear Parishioners:

DO YOU REMEMBER: Do you remember Sister Elizabeth Myles, C.S.J.? “Sister Eliz” was here at St. Martha’s for 18 years. She taught in the school, directed the famous “Folk Group,” and led the youth group. Sister Elizabeth left in 1985 to work for the Diocesan Youth Office and after that for over 20 years at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Parish in Wyandanch, a parish very much like our own. She was the first and only “non-priest” in this Diocese appointed by the bishop to administer a parish. ... Well, Sister Elizabeth is returning to St. Martha’s as our Religious Education Director and overall Pastoral Associate! This is truly great news for the entire parish. Sister Elizabeth is an *outstanding* person who will bless our parish through her warm, gentle, and experienced pastoral care! She will be residing at nearby Sacred Heart Parish in North Merrick. Welcome back, Sister Elizabeth!

PARISH HONOREES: Our Annual Parish Dinner Dance will be held on Sunday, December 6th 2009 at Verdi’s in Westbury (once again). I am happy to announce that this year’s honorees are Telma, Veronica and Alex Ticas! The Ticas Family is fully engaged in the prayer-life, youth-life and communal-life of our parish. Congratulations to the Ticas Family – and thank you!

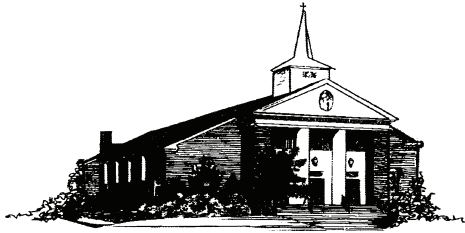
ST. AGNES MEDAL: St. Martha’s Parish offers its joyful congratulations to Ms. Barbara Powell who will receive the *St. Agnes Medal* from Bishop William Murphy at St. Agnes Cathedral in two weeks. Barbara is a life-long resident of Uniondale and is involved in almost every aspect of parish life here at St. Martha’s. Thank you, Barbara for all that you do for every group here – and congratulations! The two past recipients of the St. Agnes Medal are – Mrs. Marlene Jean Baptiste and Worthy Grand Knight, Mr. William Ludewig.

THANK YOU: Miss Gloria Maffettone has been leading our “Capital Campaign” over the past year. In thanksgiving for all her efforts I have nominated Gloria for membership in the Papal Order of the Holy Sepulchre. She will be invested by the Most Reverend Timothy M. Dolan, Archbishop of New York as a “Lady of the Holy Sepulchre” this month at a Pontifical Mass in St. Patrick’s Cathedral. Thank you and congratulations, to Miss Gloria Maffettone, LHS.

PASTORAL COUNCIL: The Parish Council convened again this past week. Topics discussed included the drafting of a strategic multi-year plan for the parish; religious education; issues related to our use of our own school building apart from school hours; and the conclusion of the pastor’s term. We also conversed about the need to carefully find the most appropriate Haitian priest who will regularly celebrate the Eucharist in Creole and be seen as *a source of unity* for the community *and* the entire parish. The Council discussed the future uses of our renovated lower hall as well as to whom the hall should be dedicated to. The Parish Council will be meeting monthly.

MUSIC: After a numbers of months with visiting organists, this weekend our new parish organist will be introduced at the Masses.

Fr. Frank



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LA LETTRE HEBDOMADAIRE DU CURE –6 Septembre 2009

Chers Paroissiens,

VOUS SOUVENEZ-VOUS ? Vous souvenez-vous de sœur Elizabeth Myles, C.S.J. ? « Sister Eliz » était ici à St. Martha pendant 18 ans. Elle enseignait dans l'école, dirigeait le fameux « Folk Group », et s'occupait du groupe des jeunes. Sœur Elizabeth laissa St. Martha en 1985 pour travailler pour le « Diocesan Youth Office » puis pendant 20 ans à la Paroisse de « Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal » à Wyandanch, une paroisse très semblable à la notre. Elle était la première et seule « non-prêtre » du Diocèse appointée par l'Evêque pour administrer une paroisse... Bien, Sœur Elizabeth retourne à St. Martha comme Directrice d'Education Religieuse et Associée Pastorale générale ! C'est vraiment une excellente nouvelle pour la paroisse entière. Sœur Elizabeth est une éminente personne qui bénira notre paroisse par son souci pastoral chaleureux, gentil et expérimenté. Elle résidera dans la paroisse avoisinante du Sacré Cœur à North Merrick. Bienvenue, Sœur Elizabeth !

HONORES PAROISSIAUX : Le Diner Dansant Annuel de notre Paroisse aura lieu le Dimanche 6 Décembre, 2009, à Verdi's de Westbury (une fois de plus). Je suis heureux d'annoncer que les honorés de cette année seront Telma, Veronica, et Alex Ticas. La Famille Ticas est complètement engagée dans la vie de prière, la vie juvénile, et la vie communale de notre paroisse. Félicitations à la famille Ticas – et merci !

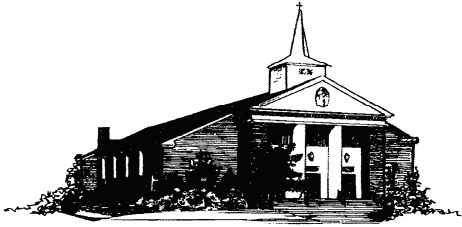
MEDAILLE DE St. AGNES : La Paroisse de St. Martha offre ses joyeuses félicitations à Ms. Barbara Powell qui recevra la Médaille de St. Agnès des mains de l'Evêque William Murphy à la Cathédrale de St. Agnès dans deux semaines. Barbara a toujours résidé à Uniondale et est engagée dans presque tous les aspects de la vie paroissiale ici à St. Martha. Merci, Barbara pour tout ce que vous faites pour tous les groupes ici – et félicitations ! Les deux dernières personnes qui ont reçu la Médaille de St. Agnès sont – Mme Marlene Jean Baptiste et l'Estimable Grand Knight, Mr William Ludewig.

MERCI: Melle Gloria Maffettone dirige notre Campagne Capitale depuis l'année dernière. En remerciement pour tous ses efforts, j'ai désigné Gloria pour être membre du « Papal Order of the Holy Sepulchre ». Elle sera investie par le Très Révérend Timothy M. Dolan, Archevêque de New York, comme « Lady of the Holy Sepulchre » au cours d'une Messe Pontificale qui aura lieu ce mois à la Cathédrale de St. Patrick. Merci et félicitations à Melle Gloria Maffettone, LHS.

CONSEIL PASTORAL : Le Conseil Pastoral s'est réuni à nouveau la semaine dernière. Les sujets discutés étaient le brouillon d'un plan stratégique de plusieurs années pour la paroisse ; éducation religieuse ; problèmes concernant notre usage de notre bâtiment scolaire en dehors des heures de classe ; et la fin du mandat du curé. Nous avons aussi parlé du besoin de trouver soigneusement le prêtre Haïtien le plus approprié qui célébrera régulièrement l'Eucharistie en Créole et sera vu comme une source d'unité pour la communauté et la paroisse en entier. Le Conseil discutait aussi l'usage dans le future de notre sous sol rénové et à qui il doit être dédié. Le Conseil Pastoral se réunira chaque mois.

MUSIQUE: Après plusieurs mois avec des organistes visiteurs, notre nouvel organiste paroissial sera présenté à toutes les Messes ce weekend.

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CARTA PASTORAL DE LA SEMANA – 6 de Septiembre del 2009

Queridos feligreses:

RECUERDAN: ¿Recuerdan a la Hermana Elizabeth Myles, C.S.J.? “Hermana Eliz” estuvo aquí en Santa Martha por 18 años. Enseñó en la escuela, dirigió el famoso “Grupo Folklórico” y también dirigió el grupo juvenil. En 1985 Hermana Elizabeth se fue a trabajar a la Oficina para Jóvenes de la Diócesis y después, por más de 20 años en la Parroquia de Nuestra Señora de la Medalla Milagrosa en Wyandanch, una parroquia muy parecida a la nuestra. Ella fue la primera y única “no sacerdote” nombrada por el Obispo en esta Diócesis para administrar una parroquia. ¡Bien, Hermana Elizabeth regresará a Santa Martha como Directora de Educación Religiosa y como Coordinadora Pastoral en general! Esto realmente es una buena noticia para toda la parroquia. ¡Hermana Elizabeth es una excelente persona que traerá muchas bendiciones a nuestra parroquia con su gentileza, amabilidad y experiencia en cuidado pastoral! Vivirá cerca, en la Parroquia del Sagrado Corazón en North Merrick. ¡Bienvenida de regreso, Hermana Elizabeth!

RECONOCIMIENTO PARROQUIAL: Nuestra Anual Cena Bailable Parroquial será el domingo 6 de diciembre del 2009 en Verdi’s, Westbury (otra vez). ¡Tengo el placer de anunciar que este año recibirán reconocimiento Telma, Verónica y Alex Ticas! La Familia Ticas participa activamente en la vida comunitaria de nuestra parroquia, actividades relacionadas con los jóvenes y en la vida de oración ¡Felicitaciones a la Familia Ticas – y gracias!

MEDALLA DE SANTA INÉS: La Parroquia de Santa Martha se alegra y felicita a la Srta. Bárbara Powell, quien recibirá dentro de dos semanas la Medalla de Santa Inés del Obispo William Murphy en la Catedral de Santa Inés. Bárbara ha vivido en Uniondale por mucho tiempo y participa en casi todas las actividades de la vida parroquial aquí en Santa Martha. ¡Gracias Bárbara por todo lo que haces por cada grupo – y felicitaciones! Las dos personas que recibieron la Medalla de Santa Inés anteriormente son – Sra. Marlene Jean Baptiste y el Digno Gran Caballero, Sr. William Ludewig.

GRACIAS: La Srta. Gloria Maffettone ha estado dirigiendo nuestra “Mega Campaña.” En agradecimiento por todos sus esfuerzos he nombrado a Gloria para ser miembro de la Orden Papal del Santo Sepulcro. Será investida este mes en una Misa Pontifical en la Catedral de San Patricio por el Excelentísimo Reverendo Timothy M. Dolan, Arzobispo de Nueva York como “Dama de la Orden del Santo Sepulcro.” Gracias y felicitaciones a la Srta. Gloria Maffettone, LHS.

CONSEJO PASTORAL: El Consejo Pastoral se reunió otra vez la semana pasada. Entre los tópicos que se discutieron esta la preparación de un plan estratégico de varios años para la parroquia; educación religiosa; asuntos relacionados al uso de nuestro edificio de la escuela fuera de horas de clases; y el término del periodo del párroco. También se habló acerca de la necesidad de buscar cuidadosamente un sacerdote haitiano que celebre la Eucaristía en creol y se proyecte como una *fuentes de unidad* para la comunidad y toda la parroquia. El Consejo discutió como se usará en el futuro el salón recientemente renovado en el sótano y también a quien se le debería dedicar. El Consejo Pastoral se reunirá mensualmente.

MÚSICA: Después de muchos meses teniendo visitas de organistas, este fin de semana será presentado nuestro nuevo organista en todas las misas.

Padre Frank

DEACON HERNST BELLEVUE'S HOMILY—08-30-2009

Summer is ending. Many of us have returned home from vacations. Students are getting ready to go back to school and teachers are getting ready to back to work. These are exciting times! From now on until next May we expect to have many more cars on the roads. A small trip that used to take ten minutes, will now take two to three times longer. That means I have to leave my house half an hour earlier to get to work on time. However, this is a minor issue. The major one confronting me at this time was the discovery that I had to go back to school for flunking the test of life. I had forgotten God's commandment to love my neighbor as myself instead of clinging to human precepts.

This summer, I found myself siding with the Pharisees in one of the major issues confronting many of our brothers and sisters who are without health insurance. The fact that I have very good coverage through my job as a Senior Manager with New York Department Social Services, led me to completely ignore this issue. It never crossed my mind that there are many people who are working without health coverage.

Many small businesses cannot afford to pay health insurance for their employees. Employers and their employees are without health insurance due to high cost of insurance premiums. Considering that small businesses are the back bone of this country, many who are working at the local deli, restaurants, beauty shops etc., do not have medical coverage.

The other day I had a conversation with a gentleman named Joe. Joe is currently working as a security guard in the building where I work. He told me that he has hypertension. And he has been without health coverage for the past five years ever since the previous company he worked for 15 years went out of business. He now finds himself working for this company without any health benefits.

This brought to my attention the plight of the 46 to 47 million people leaving in this great country of ours who are without health care coverage. I started reading more about this issue and following it more intently through the town hall meetings that are taken place throughout the country.

Many of the debates remind me of those taken place in the Gospel between Jesus and the Pharisees. The Pharisees protectors of the status quo are challenging change just as they did throughout the gospel when they were challenging Jesus' teachings. They want to hold on to human tradition disregarding God's commandment, which is the basic principle upon which Jesus founded our Church. Last week Jesus told us that his words are spirit and life. In today's Gospel, He is teaching us through the Pharisees how to live the word in truth. That is, how we should apply them in our daily life as a community living in the Christian faith.

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For many years I have sided with big business on the issue of health care by not listening to the cry of those in need. I did not realize that I was behaving as a Pharisee until the other day during my conversation with Joe.

Quoting the prophet Isaiah, Jesus call those who only see themselves and their interests “hypocrites” saying that people who think like that honors him with their lips, but their hearts are far from him; in vain do they worship him. When we make monetary decisions that diminished the value of the human being, we are disregarding God’s commandment which direct us to love one another.

The Jewish leaders in the gospel specify religious purity in largely external ritual terms—washing hands, purifying pots, etc., but lack compassion for many others in need.

Jesus reconnects law and tradition to the historical context from which they grew and the goal toward which they are oriented: that is, hearts focused on God.

Jesus calls us to look at what is deep within us: honoring God or “evils come from within.” It is not external behaviors that define religious fidelity, but the internal dispositions of heart from which behavior flows.

In the first reading, God gives us commandments so we “may live.” The purpose of keeping the Law is not a matter of blind obedience, but rather about growing closer to the Lord God who has first come “so close” to us.

It is easier to do “outside” actions such as cleaning “jugs and kettles” than it is to do the harder work of cleaning one’s heart. But it is as we do the “inside” work of the heart that our outside actions become pure.

A secret consolation is this, if our hearts are stung by Jesus’ challenge to the Pharisees, our hearts are almost healed.

If at prayer you realized that you are a Pharisee, one who judged others, one who did not trust God, most likely you are not. If you think you are not, watch out! You are most surely one.

As we approach the Eucharistic Table, let us ask Jesus to cleanse our hearts so that we can become more compassionate to those who are in needs.

Women of St. Martha’s

Bishop Molloy Retreat House, a Passionate Spiritual Center in Jamaica Estates, invites the women of St. Martha’s Parish to participate in a retreat on the weekend of September 11th. The retreat opens with Dinner at 7:00p.m. on Friday and concludes with Mass at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday.

For Further information, please call Bishop Molloy Retreat House at 718-739-1229, or call your parish promoter Theresa Laurice at 228-7057.

RINCON HISPANO

INTENCIÓN DE LA MISA: La intención de la misa es por el eterno descanso de Juan Bautista Negrón.

GRUPO DE ORACIÓN: Cada miércoles, a las 7:00 de la noche en el Sótano de la Iglesia. Todos están cordialmente invitados!

ULTREYA: Cada domingo, a las 11:00 de la mañana en la Capilla. Las puertas están abiertas para todos!

GRUPO JUVENIL: Reunión para jóvenes de 18 años en adelante, cada jueves, a las 7:30 de la noche en el Sótano de la Iglesia. Bienvenidos jóvenes!

MIEMBROS DEL CORO: Este viernes 11 de septiembre será su primer ensayo, a las 8:00 de la noche en la Iglesia. Sean puntuales. El domingo entrante, 13 de septiembre, el Coro regresará para asumir su responsabilidad ministerial. Aún están abiertas las inscripciones. Basta comunicarse con el Director del Coro.

MEGA CAMPAÑA: Los que aún no han entregado sus tarjetas de compromiso para contribuir con la Mega Campaña, lo pueden hacer, Hasta ahora solamente 270 personas o familias se han comprometido, mediante un total de \$415,746= 52.0%, pero apenas se ha colectado \$331,064. Recuerden, nuestra meta es de \$800,000.

EL CENTRO SOCIAL: Necesita hamburguesas congeladas, carne congelada y empaquetada, pollos pequeños, pollos cuartizados, hot dogs, tuna enlatada, frijoles, arroz, aceite, leche en cajón, jalea, mantequilla de maíz, , yames, jugos de toda clase, bolsitas de te, cereales frío, avena en paquetes pequeños, jabón, papel higiénico, toalla de papel, servilletas, pampers, cepillo de dientes y otros artículos personales. La necesidad es urgente.

TALLERES DE ENTRENAMIENTO PARA MINISTROS: De la Eucaristía, Lectores y Hospitalidad. Lugar: Kellenberg High School. Fecha: 17 de octubre, de 9:00AM a 2:00PM. Cuota: \$15 para Lectores y Hospitalidad y \$30 para Ministros de la Eucaristía. Vayan marcando sus calendarios.

FELICITACIONES: Para todos los cumpleaños durante el mes de agosto. Que el Señor los bendiga plenamente.

DOS CAMPAÑAS: Mientras la Mega Campaña (y sus múltiples proyectos) continúa desarrollándose, nuestro próximo y más importante enfoque será nuestra Campaña Espiritual – que no tendrá fecha de clausura. Si le gustaría pertenecer al “Comité de la Campaña Espiritual,” por favor avisen al Párroco.

GRACIAS: A todos los feligreses de la Misa Hispana por su participación mediante el canto durante el mes de agosto y principios de septiembre. Realmente la experiencia ha sido maravillosa y ejemplar. Felicitaciones!

English Classes

Free of charge classes in English are scheduled to begin on Tuesday, September 22nd. Classes will be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7:45pm to 9:15pm in the St. Martin dePorres Marianist School.

Registration for English Classes will take place on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2009 in room 213 of the school.

Any person interested in learning English or wishing to improve their English skills is invited to participate.

Clases de Inglés

Las clases de inglés gratis están programadas a empezar el martes 22 de septiembre. Las clases serán los martes y jueves por la noche desde las 7:45 pm hasta las 9:15 pm en la Escuela Marianista San Martin de Porres.

La matrícula para las clases de ingles será el MARTES 15 DE SEPTIEMBRE DEL 2009 en el Salón 213 de la Escuela.

Todas las personas interesadas en aprender inglés o deseosas de mejorarlo están invitadas.

Classes d'Anglais.

Les classes d'Anglais, offertes gratis, commenceront le Mardi 22 Septembre. Elles seront offertes les Mardis et Jedis de 7 : 45 P.M. à 9 : 15 P.M. à St. Martin de Porres Marianist School.

Les inscriptions pour les classes d'Anglais auront lieu le Mardi 15 Septembre, 2009 dans la salle 213 de l'école.

Tout individu intéressé à apprendre l'Anglais ou à améliorer sa compétence en Anglais est invité a suivre les classes.

A BUSY PERSONS RETREAT

God is Love ~~ God Loves Me!

This six week retreat is designed to assist you in reflecting on God's personal love for you. The format will include faith sharing and introduction to a variety of prayer experiences. You will be invited to spend time each day in personal prayer.

Time:7PM-9PM Thursdays Oct. 15, 22, 29, Nov. 5, 12, 19

Place: Parish Center Facilitators: Evelyn Sheehan & Carol Engl

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Registration Form: Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Address: _____

Please complete and bring to Parish Center

Social Ministry / Outreach News

CAN YOU HELP?

NEW ITEMS NEEDED: Frozen hamburgers, one pound frozen chopped meat packages, small chickens, chicken parts, hot dogs/franks, tuna fish, beans, rice, oil, individual boxed milk (ie. Parmalat), jelly, peanut butter, yams/sweet potatoes, all kinds of juice (esp., small sizes), tea bags, any cold cereal, individual packs of oatmeal, bar soaps, toilet tissue, paper towels, napkins, diapers, diaper wipes, toothbrushes and other person care items or store gift certificates. Clean grocery store plastic or paper bags.

**THE NEED IS URGENT!
MEAT IS URGENTLY NEEDED!!!**

**Job Bank of Outreach:
Gilaine, is overseeing the Job Bank.**

Do you need a babysitter, home health aid, housekeeper or landscaper? Or can you provide these services? Register with St. Martha's Social Ministry Job Bank. Call 292-1603 on Wednesday or Thursday

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As we reach out to address the needs of our community, Social Ministry needs volunteers for two specific areas: 1. To occasionally deliver food to those who are homebound and infirmed. And 2. To assist people when needed to fill out forms. If you can assist us in the Ministry call us at 516-292-1603.

American Cancer Society asks you to Join the Fight Against Cancer

Every day thousands of cancer patients need a ride to treatment. The **Road to Recovery Program** provides transportation to and from treatment facilities for individuals with cancer who do not have transportation.

The American Cancer Society's **Patient Navigator Program** provides guidance for cancer patients, their families and caregivers to help them through the cancer treatment experience.

The volunteers and staff members of the American Cancer Society empower and mobilize communities to prevent cancer, save lives, and diminish suffering. Join over 3 million volunteers in the fight against cancer.

If you are interested in **volunteering with either program, please contact Gabrielle Andrea, Director of Patient and Family Services in Nassau County, at (516) 921-6016.**

FIDELIS CARE HEALTH INSURANCE

**Is in Social Ministry every Wednesday
from 10 –12 PM. Ask to see Claudia.**

Professional Therapy and Counseling: This program, provided by the Catholic Counseling Center is under the direction of Dr. George Giuliani. For confidential information and appointment, call Dr. Giuliani at 631-243-2503 or go to our website at <http://www.thecatholiccounselingcenter.net>

THE SACRAMENTS AT ST. MARTHA'S

BAPTISMS of August 2009

Baptized into

Jeremiah Bernard Love
Kath-Annie Marguerite Mervil
Nahyalee Mezier



William Clayton Miller
Carolina Elizabeth Rivera
Hector Rolando Rivera

Jose Luis Rivera
Keyla Gabriela Rivera
Luz Maria Rivera

Aidan John Harkin
Matthew Alexander Lopez
Pablo Alejandro Orellana Mejia

Johan Manuel Romero
Kayli Mercedes Romero

Mya Marie Bernadette McGee

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please call in the names of those who are ill. Names of the ill will be published for one month, which then is renewable. Names of people can be placed on the Sick list only by the individual or family member.

TREE OF LIFE:



Memorialize a loved one with a leaf on our parish's *Tree of Life*, located in the Church Lobby. If you would like more information about this lovely memorial, Please contact **the Parish Office at 481-2550 Ext 301**

OUR FAITHFULLY DEPARTED

Baby Ariel Narcisco Maldonado + August 7, 2009

John Niemeier +August 16, 2009

Ana Estela Mena +August 22, 2009

Martha Alce, Elizabeth Augustyn, Jean Beekman, Ann Boden, Thomas Brislin, Sharon Burke, Veronica Byrnes, Fr. Zachary Callahan, Marie Caruso, Ann Celentano, Thomas Celentano, Anne Cote, Edward Cserny, Ann DeNicola, Kevin Derham, Karl Droessler, Brian Duffy, Malorie Dzienius, Roderich Evans, Josephine Elgonitis, Mary Famularo, Jean Ferraia, Jack Flynn, Kathleen Flynn, Humbert Garel, Harriet Ganas, Sr. Patricia Gimblett, RSM, Ann Gould, Bertha Griffin, Joan Gurge, Lorraine Hardy, Frank Hayde, Jeanette Healy, Marlene Hicks, Eleanora Hinton, Marianne Imperato, Jack Kightlinger, Barbara Kirsten, Kevin Lawlor, Monserrate Lebron, Rita Liotta, Edith Lucchi, Faith Lyons, Nancy Martinez, Joan Mariconda, Arthur McNeill, Thomas Mc Govern, John Mueller, Steven Nieves, Mary O'Leary, Florence O' Sullivan, Teodocia Perez, Samuel Peters, Frances Powell, Mary Prutzman, Mary Rodefeld, George Schmidt, James Spagnoli, Fr. Edward Sullivan, Frank Torie, Rubena Waldron, Sr. Margaret Williams, CIJ, Sharon Wicke, Betty Griffin, Leonisa Rivera, John Villavicencio, Marge Weiss, Jennie Vilhauslas, Kay Brown, Mary Schlaikjer, Laura Mauro, Walter Greiner and Ferando Rodriquez Lamberty.



Religious Education for Children/Teens

Registration/ Re-Registration for the School Year 2009 – 2010 will be **at the Parish Center Sunday, September 13 from 8:30 AM to 1PM** for all needed material and information for registration. The yearly family tuition remains: 1 child \$65; 2 children \$95. 3 or more children \$120. If possible pay with a check for easier record keeping. No one will be admitted to class unless they have been registered. Thank you.

Some **First Holy Communion Packets of Pictures** from May 2008 and from May 2009 have not as yet been picked up by parents. These were already paid for in your child's First Communion Fee. The packet contains 2 DVD's of the entire ceremony, an individual picture of your child receiving Communion from Father as well as a class picture of your child's classmates and his/her teacher/catechist. They are in the Parish Center/ Sister Eileen's Office. The Center is open Mon.-Fri from 9:00am – 4:00pm; 6:30 – 8:30pm and Sat. 10:00-1:00; 2:00-5:00pm. Please stop by and pick them up. Thank you.

ADULTS seeking SACRAMENTS of BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION, and/or FIRST COMMUNION for yourself or adult family members and friends: JOIN THE RCIA!!

RCIA (short for Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a group of interested Catholics, Persons baptized in another Christian Tradition and also unbaptized adults.

Mrs. Imogene Regan, Sister Eileen Curley (in English), as well as Mrs. Grace D'Atri and her Team (in Spanish) and Mrs. Jackie Larrieux (in Creole) meet weekly from mid-September until late April with adults interested in their own Faith Formation so as to be prepared for one or more of these three sacraments, and for those baptized in a different Christian Tradition to be received into the Roman Catholic Church.

The RCIA Group for Adults studying in English meets in the Parish Center with Mrs. Imogene Regan from 7:15-9:30PM on Wednesdays, beginning September 9, 2009. Registration for these weekly sessions can be done at a meeting with Sister Eileen. Call the Parish Center at 516-481-2550. Leave a name and phone number on Voicemail 342, or speak with Barbara at 301 and leave a message with her. Sister will return your call and set up a meeting. Sister Eileen can offer Sunday morning sessions instead of Wednesday evenings for any adult who cannot come to the evening group.

An adaptation of the RCIA for youngsters between 8 and 18 years of age is also a process St. Martha 's Parish offers to children/teens seeking Baptism, or Reception into the Roman Catholic Church.

The Adapted RCIA process for children will meet on Sunday mornings in the school during the regular time for Religious Education Classes (9:15 – 10:30AM). Children these ages (8-18) attend both Public, Private and Catholic schools. These sessions may last for one or two years. They prepare children for Baptism and First Communion or for Reception into the Church, First Penance, and First Communion. The name of this group is The Catechumenate. The first session is on Sunday, September 13 at 9:15AM.

For those from St. Martin dePorres School, students may come to the Sunday morning session weekly or they can come to a weekly session on Thursdays with Sister Eileen in her Office in the Parish Center at 5:00PM. Again, please register before hand by calling Sister Eileen (See information above.)

AVIS A LA COMMUNAUTE HAITIENNE

MESSE DOMINICALE: Chaque dimanche à partir de 12h30, la communauté haïtienne se réunit à l'église pour célébrer la messe. Le mercredi soir à partir de 7 h30 PM nous avons une prière charismatique à la chapelle.

ADORATION: Chaque lundi après la messe de 8h30 AM à la chapelle il y a exposition du St Sacrement jusqu'à 4h PM. Il nous faut une présence à tout moment durant l'exposition. S'il vous plaît ne laisser pas le St Sacrement seul.

RCIA : Si vous voulez recevoir les sacrements d'initiation : baptême, communion et confirmation ou si vous voulez devenir catholique, adressez vous à Jackie en composant le 565-5797. Les classes commencent en septembre prochain alors ne tardez pas.

SERVICE DE PASPORT : Maintenant il est plus facile d'obtenir un pasport américain en utilisant le bureau mobile de pasport. Pour plus d'information appeler au (516) 813-3100 ou visiter le site www.TOH.LI

COURS D'ANGLAIS : Les inscriptions pour le cours d'anglais comme 2eme langue commenceront le Mardi 15 Septembre prochain. Le cours est gratuit et ceux qui ne parlent pas l'anglais sont invités à en profiter. Pour plus d'information appeler au 481-2550 ext 301.

SERVICE SOCIAL: Le bureau du service social de Ste Martha est à votre disposition si vous avez besoin de nourriture, habits, service d'immigration etc. Contactez les au 292-1603 du lundi au vendredi excepté les mardis de 10h AM – 2h PM. Si vous cherchez du travail ou si vous avez du travail à offrir adressez vous à Gilaine les mercredis et jeudis.

Nous acceptons aussi des dons, spécialement viandes hachée (hamburger) et congelée, poulet en morceau ou en entier, riz, pois, boites de conserve, mambas, etc
Le service d'immigration sera disponible le mercredi 9 Septembre. Un rendez-vous n'est pas nécessaire, les premiers arrivés seront les premiers servis.

BULLETIN DU DIMANCHE: Prenez avec vous le bulletin du dimanche et lisez le. Vous y trouverez des informations importantes sur votre communauté et votre paroisse.

HONORING OUR PAST, BUILDING OUR FUTURE

THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE INVITES YOU TO AN...

EARLY THANKS (for) GIVING WEEKEND
SEPTEMBER 19 & 20, 2009

*Wine and cheese following the Saturday, Sept. 19, 5:00 PM Mass outside (weather permitting)
Coffee, tea, juice, bagels following the Sunday Sept. 20 7:30, 8:45 & 11:00 a.m. Masses
And before the 12:30 PM Mass Lower Church*

All Invited!

Please join us as we come to the mid-point of our Campaign.
You have allowed much to be accomplished, yet there is more to be done.
Thank you for your generosity, no effort or donation is ever too small!

Capital Campaign Committee Sponsors Parish Mardi Gras Party!

A number of parishioners have asked for this parish wide event and the CCC (Capital Campaign Committee) is happy to sponsor the party, however, it requires a great amount of people willing to *work*. We have ideas but need assistance.

Are you willing to get involved for your St. Martha Family?

Parish Family Mardi Gras Planning Meeting

Monday, September 21, 2009

7:30 PM

Lower Church

The Family Mardi Gras Party is Sunday, February 14, 2010

Ron Rolheiser Column-Week of August 30, 2009—Religious Language as Icon

Before Henri Nouwen wrote the book that became his signature work, *Return of the Prodigal Son*, he went to The Hermitage museum in Russia and sat for whole days contemplating Rembrandt's famous painting on the return of the prodigal son. He was given permission to bring a chair into the museum and he would sit for hours, studying the painting from various angles and letting it speak to him in his varying moods. The result was one of the finest commentaries ever written on both Rembrandt's painting and on the meaning of that famous parable in the gospels.

What Henri Nouwen did with Rembrandt's painting is what we need to do with a lot of the classical language of scripture, the creeds, and dogma. The language there is more iconic than literal, more the language of metaphor than of ordinary life, deep image rather than video-taped history. This doesn't mean that it isn't true or that it's "Alice-in-Wonderland" mythology. It is deeply true, so true that we hang our very lives on its truth. But it is meant to be studied, contemplated, meditated, knelt-before and prayed-with, rather than taken literally.

Allow me an example: Consider the language and image surrounding the death of Jesus as paying the price for our sins.

Scripture, our creeds, and our Christian tradition have a certain language around this. Among other things, we say: "He paid the price for our sins. We are saved by his blood. He paid the debt of sin. We are washed clean in his blood, the blood of the lamb. He is the Lamb of God who takes away our sins. He restored us to life, after our death in Adam's sin. He conquered death, once and for all. By his stripes we were healed. He offered an eternal sacrifice to God. He is our victim. He opened the gates of heaven. He stripped the principalities and Satan of their power. He descended into hell."

Accepting the truth of this language is one thing, explaining it within the categories and language of ordinary life is something else. About Jesus' death, we have a language but we don't have a vocabulary. We know its meaning, but we can never adequately explain it.

What exactly do we mean by these statements? How does Jesus' death save me from being accountable for my sins? How does his death vicariously substitute for human shortcoming, including our own, through the centuries? Why does God need someone to suffer that agonizingly in order to forgive me? How does Jesus' death open the gates of heaven? Why had they been closed? What does it mean that, in his death, Jesus descended into hell?

Literal explanations come up short here. The words are more like an icon, an artifact that highlights form to bring out essence. The language of scripture, the creeds, and our dogmas put us in touch with something that we can know but struggle to conceptualize and explain. It is meant to be grasped at levels beyond the just the intellect. It is a language to be contem-

Ron Rolheiser Column-Week of August 30, 2009—Religious Language as Icon

Some years ago, Time magazine did a cover story on the death of Jesus. Among other things, they interviewed various people and asked them how they understood the blood of Jesus as washing them clean. One of those interviewed was JoAnne Terrell, the author of *Power in the Blood? The Cross in the African American Experience*. For her, the question of how Jesus' blood saves us triggered a deep personal search. Sitting in a seminary classroom and studying the death of Jesus, she began having flashbacks: As a young girl she had seen her mother murdered by a boyfriend. She vividly recalled the blood-soaked mattress and her mother's bloody fingerprints on the wall. And so her search was very much a search "to find the connection between my mom's story and my story and Jesus' story."

For her, the language around the death of Jesus, its blood and heartbreak, became an icon to be contemplated for meaning. Like Henri Nouwen she began moving her chair around to look at it from various angles and to see how it spoke to her in her life-situation, to the blood in her own history. The language of redemptive blood gave meaning and dignity to her mother's blood.

We cheat ourselves of meaning whenever we treat scripture, the creeds, and the dogmas of our faith as simple statements of history, newspaper accounts in literal language. They have a historicity and they are true, but the language surrounding them is not the language of the daily newspaper. They are anchored in history and we risk our very lives on their truth, but they speak to us more as does an icon than as does yesterday's newspaper. Their language is meant to be contemplated, knelt-before, and absorbed in the heart as we experience more and more of life's mysteries.

An atheist, someone once quipped, is just another name for someone who doesn't grasp metaphor.

Oblate Father Ron Rolheiser, theologian, teacher, and award-winning author, is President of the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, TX. He can be contacted through his website www.ronrolheiser.com.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PROGRESS AS OF SEPTEMBER 3, 2009

GOAL: \$800,000

PLEDGED: \$417,095 52.1% of Goal

**276 Donors & 22 Fund Raisers
and Monthly Campaign Collections**

DONATIONS RECEIVED: \$334,682

BALANCE TO GOAL: \$382,905

**PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR
THOSE IN THE UNITED STATES
MILITARY**



U.S. Marines:

Sergeant W. Jason Ferris, L Cpl. Jason Fullerton, L. Cpl Alfonso Rodriguez, Cpl. Adam Griffin, L Cpl. Eaton Farrell, LCPL Alexis Vazquez.

U.S. Navy:

Airman Herbert J. Alvarado, JE-4/CS3 Jesus Ron, P.O.1st Class John V. Sparkowski, Lt. Joseph A. Baugh, Cpl. Eric Omar Matos, U.S. Navy & Marines, Commander Kevin Seaton Canty.

If someone you know or someone in your family is currently serving in the U.S. Military, kindly submit their name, rank and Branch of Service to the Parish Center office in writing. If the service person leaves the service, please inform the Parish Office. Thank you.

“War is always a defeat for humanity.”

Pope John Paul II

U.S. Air Force:

Airman Francisco J. Velasquez,

U.S. Army:

Master Sergeant Jill Agront, Sgt. Hisnard Cadet, Jr., Staff Sgt. Misael Exantus, Spc. Danny Mendez, , Sgt. John Barki , Sgt Aaron Fullerton, PFC Zaymery Villalobos, Special Force Kareem Inniss, Colonel Verb Washington, Major Elizabeth Werns-Romano, Flight Surgeon, LTC Christopher Jenkins, Spc. Richard Aquilar, 1st Lt. Gavin Campbell.

Bulletin Reflection

September 6, 2009

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The good steward
must not show favoritism.

The rich may have
many material gifts to share,
but St. James reminds us in the
second reading
that God has chosen the world’s
poor to be rich
in faith and inheritors
of God’s kingdom.

LIVING STEWARDSHIP

September 6, 2009

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

We are grateful this week
for all stewards
in our parish
who care for the needs of others
by ministering
through service
at homeless shelters
and soup kitchens.

**Leadership of our Parish Ministries
groups, organizations, committees, etc.**

The new Church Calendar Year began on September 1, 2009. If you have not as yet completed a Request for Facility Space Form 2009 -2010 and submitted it to the Parish Center for Msgr. Caldwell's signature, please stop off at the Parish Center as soon as possible to obtain a Form. **Parish Center hours are Mon to Fri. 9AM until 4PM; 6:30-8:30PM, and Saturdays 10:00AM – 1:00PM, 2:00-5:00PM.**

This Form is for a Parish Group needing a place to meet weekly, monthly, or for a one time event on St. Martha's property or in a St. Martha Parish building. The Parish Space is not available for a personal events.

Those requesting a room or space on school property need our Parish Request for a Facility Form 2009 – 2010 as well as a St. Martin de-Porres School Request Form (School year 2009-2010). Both of these can be obtained in the Parish Center.

A third reason to request a Form is for a Parish Group not having an event on our grounds, but a group having a parish event somewhere else, and they would like to complete a form so that the event will appear on our Bulletin Weekly Calendar as to let the parishioners know of the event and to remind members of the Parish Group.

Speak with Mrs. Barbara Fong Lee or Sister Eileen Curley if you have questions concerning these Forms or concerning requesting space.

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Sr. Elizabeth Myles, CSJ
Pastoral Director— Religious Education
516-481-2550 Ext. 343 (Voice Mail only)

Sr. Eileen Curley, RSM,
Pastoral Associate, and Adult faith forma-
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Events at St. Martha's— Sept. 6, 2009**Events at St. Martha's— Sept 13, 2009****Key:**

A—Gym
 B—Lower Church
 C—Main Church

H—Social Ministry/Outreach
 L—John Darcy Chapel
 PC—Parish Center
 S—School

Sun -09-06-09

9:45 – 10:45am 11:00am Mass Choir Practice L
 10:15am Spanish Parent Baptism Preparation Class H
 11:00 am – 12:30 pm Ultreya Movimiento de Curillos L

Mon. 9/07/09 Labor Day —Parish Office Closed

Tues. 9/08/09 Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 7:30-8:30pm U Strong Youth Group H

Wed. 9/09/09

6:30 – 10:00 pm Hispanic Charismatic Group A
 7:30 pm Haitian Prayer L

Thurs. 9/10/09

7:30 pm Kreyol Parent Baptism Preparation Class H

Fri. 9/11/09**Sat. 9/12/09**

11:00 am - 12:30 pm Legion of Mary Prayer Mtg. L

Sun 9/13/09

8:30 am – 1:00 pm Religious Education Registration PC
 9:45 – 10:45 am Choir Rehearsal L
 11:00am 12:30pm Ultreya Movimiento de Cursillos L

Mon. 9/14/09 7:30pm English Charismatic Prayer Group L

Tues. 9/15/09

7:30 – 8:30 pm U Strong Youth Group H
 7:30 – 8:30 pm English as a Second Language (ESL) S Rms. 213 / 214

Wed. 9/16/09

6:30pm - 10:00pm Hispanic Charismatic Group B
 7:30 pm Haitian Prayer L

Thurs 9/17/09

7:30 – 9:30 pm ESL S Rms. 213 / 214

Fri. 9/18/09**Sat. 9/19/09**

11am – 1:30pm Legion of Mary L.

Thank you for your generosity to St. Martha's Parish !
August 30,2009

Sunday Collection \$9,165.92
Poor Box \$96.00

If you do not get your envelopes or misplace them please use a plain one and write your full names, address, number & amount. If you are changing your address or are going to be temporarily away please inform the bookkeeper about 6 weeks before. Thank you.