

**November 15, 2009**  
**33rd Sunday Ordinary Time**  
**“ You are my inheritance, O Lord!.”**

**Liturgical Ministry Schedule**

**Mass Intentions**

**Weekend of November 22, 2009**

**November 15, 2009**

**5:00 PM (ENGLISH)**

**LECTOR** – I. Regan

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

F. Augustave F. Defay M. L. Lebon  
 Y. Bellevue P. Peisel G. Maffettone

**ALTAR SERVERS**– J. Belcher, D. Porcenate

**7:30 AM.(ENGLISH)**

**LECTOR**– M. L. Charles

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

M. A. Brady O. Davis E. St. Louis  
 V. Costello D. Spagnoli M. St. Louis

**ALTAR SERVERS**– J. Fray, C. Thomas

**8:45 AM (SPANISH)**

**LECTORS**– D. Cosme, R. Suray, C. Ayala

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTER-**

V. Ampie C. Campos J. Bueno  
 A. Ticas A. Campos R. Bueno

**ALTAR SERVERS**– K. Gamez, S. Marta, V. Bueno

**11:00 AM (ENGLISH)**

**LECTOR**– A. Mathurin

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

S. Bricourt K. Graham L. Magloire  
 W. Delpesh L. Joachim V. Semper

**ALTAR SERVERS**– M. Josma, J. Gray



**12:30 PM (HAITIAN)**

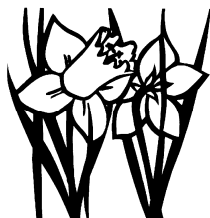
**LECTORS**– L. Charles, E. St. Louis, A. J. Louis

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**–

M. Jean-Baptiste, J. Larrieux

**ALTAR SERVERS**—

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



**Monday** **November 16– St. Margaret of Scotland & St. Gertrude**  
 8:30 AM In Thanksgiving for Laura Mauro

**Tuesday** **November 17-St. Elizabeth of Hungary**  
 8:30 AM For Healing of Jules Ayroso

**Wednesday** **November 18– The Dedication of the Basilicas of St. Peter & St. Paul apostles, and St. Rose Duchesire**  
 8:30 AM Eliza Dayrit

**Thursday** **November 19**  
 8:30AM Frantz Jean

**Friday** **November 20**  
 8:30 AM Philomene St. Jean

**Saturday** **November 21**  
 5:00 PM Trevor Raphael

**Sunday** **November 22**  
**Our Lord Jesus Christ the King**  
 7:30 AM Parishioners of St. Martha’s  
 8:45 AM Altagracia Recio  
 11:00AM Jim Willhoft  
 12:30 PM Menelas Bordes

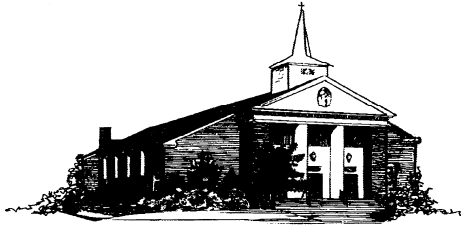
The Bread and Wine for the Week of November 15 to November 21, 2009 are offered

In Thanksgiving for Lunie Appolon  
 Requested by  
 Laurette Sully

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR**  
**Our Lord Jesus Christ the King**  
**November 22, 2009**

Daniel 7:13-14.  
 Psalm 93:1-2, 5.  
 Revelation 1:5-8.  
 John 18:33b-37.





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### **THE PASTOR'S WEEKLY LETTER – November 15<sup>th</sup> 2009**

Dear Parishioners, Chers Paroissiens, Queridos feligreses:

**BACK AGAIN:** This past Monday I returned from a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land and to Rome. The people of St. Martha's were certainly in my thoughts and prayers throughout Galilee, Jerusalem and at St. Peter's Basilica.

**WELCOME:** This weekend I have several liturgies on the road including the installation of a new pastor within our regional deanery – Father Joseph Baidoo in Roosevelt. So I am happy to welcome Father Gabriel Mutera from Queen of The Most Holy Rosary Parish to our community for the 5 P.M. and 7:30 A.M. Masses. I also welcome Father Ted Brown, the chaplain at C.W.Post/LIU for the 11 A.M. Mass. Welcome and thank you to Father Gabriel and Father Ted!

**HEALTHY SUNDAY'S:** St. Martha's welcomes staff members from Catholic Health Services of Long Island and Mercy Medical Center this weekend for another installment of "Healthy Sunday's." The program will run today from 10 A.M. to 1 P.M. in the lower hall. Free diabetes and blood pressure screening along with flu vaccines will be offered. Refreshments will be served too. All are welcome.

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**DE REGRESO:** El lunes pasado regresé de un Peregrinaje a Tierra Santa y Roma. La gente de Santa Martha estuvo en mis pensamientos y oraciones a través de Galilea, Jerusalén y la Basílica de San Pedro.

**BIENVENIDA:** Este fin de semana tengo varias liturgias incluyendo la instalación de un nuevo párroco en nuestro deanato regional – Padre Joseph Baidoo en Roosevelt. Por lo que tengo el gusto de darle la bienvenida al Padre Gabriel Mutera de la Parroquia del Santísimo Rosario en Queens a nuestra comunidad para la misas de las 5 p.m. y 7:30 a.m. También le doy la bienvenida al Padre Ted Brown, capellan de C.W.Post/LIU a la misa de las 11 a.m. ¡Bienvenidos y gracias Padres Gabriel y Ted!

**DOMINGOS SALUDABLES:** Santa Marta da la bienvenida al personal de Servicios Católico de Salud de Long Island y del Centro Medico Mercy este fin de semana por otro suceso de "Domingos Saludables". El programa estara abierto este día desde las 10 a.m. hasta la 1 p.m. en el salón social. Se ofrecerán exámenes gratis de diabetes e hipertensión y también vacunas contra la influenza. También se servirán refrescos. Todos son bienvenidos.

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**DE RETOUR:** Lundi dernier, je suis rentré d'un pèlerinage à la Terre Sainte et à Rome. Les personnes de Sainte Martha étaient certainement dans mes pensées et mes prières quand je parcourais la Galilée, Jérusalem et la Basilique de Saint Pierre.

**BIENVENUE:** Ce week-end j'aurai plusieurs liturgies en-dehors de notre paroisse, y compris l'installation d'un nouveau curé dans notre deanery régional – le Père Joseph Baidoo à Roosevelt. Je suis donc heureux d'accueillir à notre communauté le Père Gabriel Mutera de la paroisse de la Reine du Très Saint Rosaire pour les messes de 5 h p.m. et 7 h 30 a.m. J'accueille également le Père Ted Brown, aumônier à C.W.Post/LIU pour la messe de 11 h a.m. Bienvenue et merci au Père Gabriel et au Père Ted!

**DIMANCHES DE SANTÉ:** Sainte Martha souhaite la bienvenue aux membres de Catholic Health Services de Long Island et de Mercy Medical Center, qui sont avec nous ce week-end pour un « Dimanche de Santé ». Le programme aura lieu de 10 h a.m. à 1 h p.m. au sous-sol. Des tests de diabète et de tension artérielle seront offerts gratuitement, ainsi que le vaccin contre la grippe. On servira aussi des rafraîchissements. Vous êtes tous invités.

# Keeping the Faith *-Leisa Anslinger*

## **In one Spirit**

Do you ever look around on Sunday and wonder at the amazing diversity among we who are in one Spirit in Christ? I speak not only of ethnic diversity but also of diversity in age, life experience, faith development, devotional practice, and participation in ministry — such a rich sign of the wonder of God! We are brought together through the Spirit, baptized into the one Body of Christ; as each of us is created in God's image and likeness, our participation together signifies much. I think that might be some of what our bishops meant when they wrote the following in their pastoral letter on evangelization, *Go and Make Disciples*:

Unless people know the grandeur for which they are made, they cannot reach fulfillment and their lives will be incomplete. Nor will they know that they are called into interpersonal union with God and with each other. (31)

This interpersonal union with God and with each other in one Spirit is not something that most people recognize early along on their journey of faith. It is something we grow into, and it is a reality that we who are pastoral ministers must foster carefully and with intention.

## **Forming the community**

As I speak with people about stewardship, I often quote the introduction to *Stewardship: A Disciple's Response*, which includes these words:

Although religious faith is a strong force in the lives of many Americans, our country's dominant secular culture often contradicts the values of the Judaeo-Christian tradition. This is a culture in which destructive "isms" — materialism, relativism, hedonism, individualism, consumerism — exercise seductive, powerful influences. There is a strong tendency to privatize faith, to push it to the margins of society, confining it to people's hearts or, at best, their homes, while excluding it from the marketplace of ideas where social policy is formed and men and women acquire their view of life and its meaning.

These two quotations from the bishops are intimately related, and forming the community to live as both disciples and stewards is key. When we form people to actively cultivate within themselves a spirituality that is open to union with God and with others and to give freely of their talents, their time, and their material resources, our communities become a strong force in people's lives, helping them to mediate those destructive "isms" and to instead live with deep meaning in one Spirit.

## **Formed through life within the community**

Stewardship is contagious. A few years ago, Barb was concerned by the number of families who went through crisis alone with no apparent support from our parish, especially the crisis of the death of a child, a miscarriage, or a multiple birth. She found out about Elizabeth Ministry and came forward asking to begin this special outreach within our parish. Given the assent to begin, Barb talked with friends, who spoke with others, and in just a few weeks, the ranks of the ministry began to fill; people heard about it and began sharing their stories, inspired and ready to offer their gifts to alleviate such anxiety for others in any way possible. The lives of those giving and those receiving have been enriched. Such is the steward's way.

### **Do Forming pastoral practice**

Most parishes begin to foster stewardship out of financial need. The pastor, a staff member, or the pastoral council study what has helped other parishes to relieve debt, care for facilities, offer ministry within the parish, give generously in outreach and mission, and foster faithful living among members. Inevitably the research surfaces the transformation that stewardship brings about. It is a way of life that requires people (and their parishes) to learn to trust in God above all, facing the truth that there is no security in material wealth, that all we are and have and will be comes from God. This recognition changes the way people live out their lives, and even in the face of the insecurities of life, they learn to give in lavish imitation of our always generous and giving God. Even more, as people learn to trust, they find great joy in the actions that result from this union of hearts and minds with that of God. They find their living discipleship calling them together, transcending the lure of the surrounding culture, living as Paul enjoined the people of Corinth:

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body — Jews or Greeks, slaves or free — and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. (1 Cor 12:12–13)

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### ***Bulletin Reflection***

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The readings today speak of the end of the world and the coming of the Kingdom. The bishops' pastoral on stewardship says clearly that "that 'life to come' is in continuity with this present life through the human goods, the worthy human purposes, which people foster now." May our good stewardship cause us to be numbered among the chosen on the last day!

### ***LIVING STEWARDSHIP***

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We are grateful  
this week for all stewards  
in our parish  
who live each day  
prepared for the  
coming of the Son of Man.



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

**A PRAYER FOR OUR MILITARY**

***YOU ARE MY REFUGE AND MY SHIELD. I PUT MY HOPE IN YOUR WORD.”***

(Psalm 119:114)

Lord, bless the men and women of our military as they answer the call to serve our nation and defend our freedom.

Protect them, particularly those in harm's way. Most of all let them know your love: that you are with them, and that you will never forsake or abandon them. I ask this in the precious name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen. Partners in Evangelism Ministry to Service Men and Women

**IN MEMORIAM —October 25 – October 31, 2009**

**Iraq**

**In Iraq** -Spc Christopher Cooper 28 Oceanside CA, Pvt Lucas Hopper 20 Merced CA, Spc Adrian Avila 19 Opelika AL, Sgt Joseph Gallegos 39 Questa NM, Maj David Audo 36 St Joseph IL AND 208 Iraqis

**AFGHANISTAN**

Pvt Devin Michel 19 Stockton IL, Sgt Eduviges Wolf 24 Hawthorne CA, Spc Brandon Steffey 23 Sault Ste Marie MI, Cpl Thomas Mason 27 Scotland, Cap Kyle Van De Glesen 29 N Attleboro MA, **Cap Eric Jones 29 Westchester NY**, Cpl Gregory Fleury 23 Anchorage AK, Cap David Mitchell 30 Loveland OH, **Sgt Keith Bishop 28 Medford NY**, Sgt David Metzger 32 San Diego CA, Sgt Nikolas Mueller 26 Little Chute WI, Sgt Josue Chavez 23 Reno NV, Sgt Shawn McNabb 24 Terrell TX, CWO Niall Lyons 40 Spokane WA, CWO Michael Montgomery 36 Savannah GA, Cpl Cody Stanley 21 Rosanky TX, Pvt Christopher Walz 25 Vancouver WA, Spc Jared Stanker 22 Evergreen Park IL, Sgt Patrick Williamson 24 Broussard LA, Sgt Issac Jackson 27 Plattsburg MO, Sgt Dale Griffin 29 Terre Haute IN, Sgt Fernando Delarosa 24 Alamo TX, **Sgt Luis Gonzales 27 S Ozone Park NY**, Spc Robert Chariton 22 Malden MO, Pvt Brian Bates JR 20 Gretna LA, Frank Walker 66 Oklahoma City OK, Ltn Justin Boyes 26 Canada, Cpl Steven Marshall 24 Canada, Sgt Cesar Ruiz 26 San Antonio TX, Sgt Olaf Schmid 30 England, AND 247 Afghanis and Pakistanis

**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 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.

**U.S. Marines:**

Sergeant W. Jason Ferris, L Cpl. Jason Fullerton, L. Cpl Alfonso Rodriquez, 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.



Let us pray for the victims of the Fort Hood Shooting and their families.

Mr. Michael Cahill, 62, Civilian Physician Assistant, Army Reserve (Ret.) Cameron, TX

Major Libardo Eduardo Caraveo, 52 , Ph.D. in Psychology, Tucson , AZ

Staff Sgt. Justin DeCrow, 23, Fort Gordon, GA

Capt. John Gaffaney, 56, San Diego, CA

Spc. Frederick Greene, 29, Mountain City, TX

Spc. Jason Dean Hunt, 22, Frederick, OK

Sgt. Amy Krueger, 29 , Kiel, WI

Pfc. Aaron Nemelka, 19, West Jordan, UT

Pfc. Michael Pearson, 21, Bolingbrook, IL

Mr. Russell Seager, 51, Civilian Psychiatrist, Cameron, TX

Pvt. Francheska Velez, 21, Chicago, IL

Lt. Col. Juanita Warman, 55, Military Physician Assistant, Pittsburg, PA

Pfc. Kham Xiong, 23, St. Paul , MI

May they Rest in Peace.

# THE SACRAMENTS AT ST. MARTHA'S

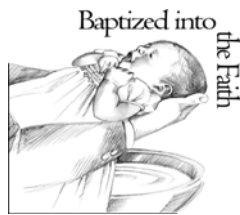
## BAPTISMS of NOVEMBER 2009

Anthony Enox Diaz, Jr.

Valentinna Daza Gomez

Juan Lopez Gomez

Valeria Sarai Mejia Zelaya



## 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.*

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, Frank Torie, Rubena Waldron, Sr. Margaret Williams, CIJ, Sharon Wicke, Betty Griffin, Leonisa Rivera, John Villavicencio, Marge Weiss, Jennie Vilhauslas, Kay Brown, Laura Mauro, Fernando Rodriguez Lamberty, Robert & Pam Henry (husband & wife hurt in motorcycle accident), Alexander J. Wilamowski, Charles Droessler, Antoine Amie, and John Flanagan, Jr. .

## 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

Paul Duplessy + October 18, 2009

Mrs. Gladys Beatrice Winter + October 19, 2009  
(Mother of Othille Mathurin, wife of Deacon Treavor Mathurin)



# Social Ministry / Outreach News

## **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 between 10 AM and 2PM.

## **FIDELIS CARE HEALTH INSURANCE**

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

## **CAN YOU HELP?**

**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.

***Although the Social Ministry department is starting to concentrate on the Holidays the above everyday items are needed.***

***Thank you for your generosity!***

## **THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS**

It is time again for us to provide for the needy of our community.

The Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays are drawing close.

We depend on your generosity In helping us to provide food baskets to our clients to make their holidays enjoyable.

We welcome your donations of

sweet potatoes,

rice,

pasta,

gravy,

cranberry juice,

cranberry sauce,

beans,

soup,

Vegetables

and any other foods.

## **Professional Therapy and Counseling:**

Family, marriage, and individual therapies, provided by New York State licensed therapists, are available to our parish . This program, provided by the Catholic Counseling Center is under the direction of Dr. George Giuliani. Most insurance policies, including Medicare, are honored. For confidential information and appointment, call Dr. Giuliani at 631-243-2503 or go to our website at <http://www.thecatholiccounselingcenter.net>

Celebrating Thanksgiving

## A Prayer of Thanksgiving

We are gathered here as Your family, Oh Lord.

As a family of faith and love,  
we give You thanks.

As Your guests at the table of life,  
we are grateful that You have set a place for us.

As Your children,  
we strive to follow You in all we do.

As servants to Your will,  
we acknowledge the gift of Your understanding and mercy.

As Your stewards,  
we are filled with wonder in the presence of Your mighty deeds  
and accept our responsibilities in Your service.

As Your heirs,  
we are humbled by the bounty You have given us,  
for each beat of our heart and each breath that we draw,  
is ours only through Your grace

And, as Your family, we shout Your name  
and give You all glory and honor, praise and thanks.

Amen.



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## **USCCB NATIONWIDE BULLETIN INSERT**

### **Tell Congress: Remove Abortion Funding & Mandates from Needed Health Care Reform**

Congress is preparing to debate health care reform legislation on the House and Senate floors. Genuine health care reform should protect the life and dignity of all people from the moment of conception until natural death. The U.S. bishops' conference has concluded that all committee Approved bills are seriously deficient on the issues of abortion and conscience, and do not provide adequate access to health care for immigrants and the poor. The bills will have to change or the bishops have pledged to oppose them.

Our nation is at a crossroads. Policies adopted in health care reform will have an impact for good or ill for years to come. None of the bills retains longstanding current policies against abortion funding or abortion coverage mandates, and none fully protects conscience rights in health care.

As the U.S. bishops' letter of October 8 states:

“No one should be required to pay for or participate in abortion. It is essential that the legislation clearly apply to this new program longstanding and widely supported federal restrictions on abortion funding and mandates, and protections for rights of conscience. No current bill meets this test.... If acceptable language in these areas cannot be found, we will have to oppose the health care bill vigorously.”

For the full text of this letter and more information on proposed legislation and the bishops' advocacy for authentic health care reform, visit: [www.usccb.org/healthcare](http://www.usccb.org/healthcare).

Congressional leaders are attempting to put together final bills for floor consideration. Please contact your Representative and Senators today and urge them to fix these bills with the pro-life amendments noted below. Otherwise much needed health care reform will have to be opposed. Health care reform should be about saving lives, not destroying them.

**ACTION:** Contact Members through e-mail, phone calls or FAX letters.

- **To send a pre-written, instant e-mail to Congress go to [www.usccb.org/action](http://www.usccb.org/action).**
- Call the U.S. Capitol switchboard at: 202-224-3121, or call your Members' local offices.
- Full contact info can be found on Members' web sites at [www.house.gov](http://www.house.gov) & [www.senate.gov](http://www.senate.gov).

#### **MESSAGE to SENATE:**

“During floor debate on the health care reform bill, please support an amendment to incorporate longstanding policies against abortion funding and in favor of conscience rights. If these serious concerns are not addressed, the final bill should be opposed.”

#### **MESSAGE to HOUSE:**

“Please support the Stupak Amendment that addresses essential pro-life concerns on abortion funding and conscience rights in the health care reform bill. Help ensure that the Rule for the bill allows a vote on this amendment. If these serious concerns are not addressed, the final bill should be opposed.”

**WHEN:** Both House and Senate are preparing for floor votes now. **Act today! Thank you!**

*Thank you for your generosity  
to St. Martha's Parish!*

**November 08, 2009**

**Sunday Collection      \$8,442.27**

**Poor Box                      \$102.85**

**Maintenance              \$2,148.52**

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.

### **RETROUVAILLE –A LIFE LINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES**

Retrouvaille is a peer ministry. Couples who have had problems in their own marriages and have recovered from those problems, share their experiences with couples in troubled marriages in the hope that they too will see that their marriage can be saved. Thousands of couples all over the globe have found hope, help and healing by participating in the Retrouvaille program. A Retrouvaille weekend is a deeply personal and private experience shared between a husband and wife that can help a couple reconnect and go on to lead a happy and fulfilling life together.

#### **YOU CAN SAVE YOUR MARRIAGE NOW!**

For more information about the upcoming Retrouvaille weekend that begins on Friday, Dec. 11th, 2009 at the Montfort retreat house in Bay Shore, Long Island. Please Call 1-800-470-2230 and you will be connected (Confidentially) to an experienced couple from Long Island/ Metro Retrouvaille who can help.

## **PARISH CENTER DIRECTORY**

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**Parish Secretary**

**Mrs. Martha-Ann Brady                      Ext. 304**  
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**Director of Social Ministry**  
**292-1603 Ext 320 or 481-2550 Ext**

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**Mr. Richard Lee                              Ext. 345**  
**Counseling & Marriage Preparation**

**Deacon Hernst Bellevue                      Ext.346**  
**Baptismal Program**

**Mr. Alvin Ingram                              Ext.347**  
**Liturgy Chairperson**

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**Sr. Elizabeth Myles, CSJ**  
**Pastoral Director— Religious Education**  
**516-481-2550 Ext. 311 OR**

**Ext. 343 (Voice Mail only)**

**Sr. Eileen Curley, RSM,**  
**Pastoral Associate, and**  
**Adult faith formation and RCIA director-**  
**516-481-2550 EXT 314 OR**

**Ext.342(Voice Mail only)**



## 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. Vous êtes tous invité(e)s.

**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.

**COURS D'ANGLAIS :** Les cours d'anglais comme 2eme langue ont commencé depuis le mois dernier et beaucoup de personnes veulent en profiter pour améliorer leur connaissance de l'anglais. Cependant, nous n'avons pas assez de professeur et nous avons besoin de votre aide. Si vous voulez participer à cette œuvre de bienfaisance appeler au 481-2550 ext 301. Les classes ont lieu les mardis et les jeudis de 7 :45 – 9 :15 PM à la salle 213 de l'école St Martin de Porres Marianist.

**SERVICE SOCIAL:** Les bureaux du service social de Ste Martha sont 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. Notez que La thanksgiving et les fêtes de fin d'année arrivent à grand pas, et beaucoup de parents comptent sur nous pour les aider à nourrir leurs enfants. A notre tour nous comptons sur votre générosité. Donner ce que vous avez : céréals, riz, mambas, boites de conserve, poulet, viande, de l'argent, couchette pour bébé. Dieu vous le rendra au centuple

**DINER DANSANT :** Cette année notre dîner dansant annuel se tiendra à Verdi's de Wetsbury le dimanche 6 Décembre 2009 de 6-10h PM. Les billets sont en vente au prix de \$65.00 par personne, la rafle 50/50 est aussi prêt pour la vente alors appelez au 481-2550 pour information.

**CAMPAGNE CAPITALE :** Pour continuer les travaux de restaurations de l'église nous vous demandons de ne pas oublier les enveloppes jaunes et de mettre des pièces de monnaie dans la grande bouteille placée à l'intérieur de l'église.

Une autre façon de contribuer à la Campagne Capitale c'est de vous inscrire aux classes de yoga les samedis matin de 9 :15 – 10 :30h au James Collins Hall. Frais de participation \$15 par classe, 4 classes pour \$50 (rabais de \$10) et 6 classes pour \$75 (rabais de \$15).

**.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.

## RINCON HISPANO

**INTENCIÓN DE LA MISA:** Por el eterno descanso de Carlos E. Llanes.

**GRUPO DE ORACIÓN:** Cada miércoles, a las 7:00 de la noche en el Gimnasio.

**ULTREYA:** Cada domingo, a las 11:00 de la mañana en la Capilla.

**GRUPO JUVENIL:** Cada jueves, a las 7:30 de la noche en el Salón Parroquial.

**YA SE ACERCAN :** La fiesta de Acción de Gracias y las Navidades. El Centro Social depende de su generosidad y ayuda para proveer comida mediante las canastas que se entregan a los necesitados durante estas temporadas. La semana pasada le pedimos que trajeran siquiera un artículo de comida en lata para dichas canastas. Las personas que aún no la ha traído, la pueden entregar el domingo entrante.

**APARTEN LA FECHA:** Para nuestro gran baile anual, el 6 de diciembre en el Salón Verdi de Westbury. Nuestra parroquia estará celebrando sus 60 años de aniversario. Ya los boletos de la rifa están a la venta.

**DOMINGO SALUDABLE:** Hoy, domingo 15 de noviembre, la parroquia está auspiciando otro programa de domingo saludable, de 10AM a 1PM. Se ofrecerán exámenes gratis de diabetes e hipertensión y también vacunas contra la influenza. También se servirán refrescos. Todos están invitados.

**LA MEGA CAMPAÑA:** Aún sigue progresando. Recuerden, la meta es acumular un total de \$800.000. Se espera recaudar un total de \$425,846 de parte de personas que se han comprometido. Un total de 279 personas han donado y ha habido 25 actividades, mas las colectas mensuales. Se ha recibido un total de \$350,823 en donaciones. Aún nos falta \$374,863 para alcanzar la meta.

**LA IGLESIA:** St. Malacky en Nueva York y Descubriendo el Siglo 21 invitan a la comunidad hispana en general a escuchar su programa de Radio "La Tertulia" todos los miércoles de 8:00 a 9:00 de la noche en la emisora WPAT 930 AM o por internet [www.WPAT 930 AM.COM](http://www.WPAT930AM.COM) con el Padre Tomás Del Valle. Para mayor información pueden llamar al 212-244-4778 o visítenos en el Internet [www. Descubriendo el siglo 21.COM](http://www.DescubriendoelSiglo21.COM)

**LAMENTAMOS:** El fallecimiento de la Sra. Elisea de Romero, madre de Juan Romero (esposo de Fior Romero y miembro de nuestro Coro). Su Misa de Resurrección se celebró ayer, sábado, por Monseñor Alfonso Cabezas, mediante el acompañamiento musical de nuestro Coro.

**INGLÉS COMO SEGUNDO IDIOMA:** Cada martes y jueves, a las 7:45 de la noche en el salón 213 de la Escuela.

## Ron Rolheiser column— Week of November 8, 2009

### A Mystical Image for Service

When the young French mystic, Therese of Lisieux, was trying to explain her vocation, she referred to a soul-searing insight that was once given her:

One Sunday, looking at a picture of Our Lord on the Cross, I was struck by the blood flowing from one of his divine hands. I felt a pang of great sorrow when thinking this blood was falling on the ground without anyone's hastening to gather it up. I was resolved to remain in spirit at the foot of the Cross and to receive its dew. ... I don't want this precious blood to be lost. I shall spend my life gathering it up for the good of souls. ... To live from love is to dry Your Face.

At one level, this can be seen as an image of simple excess piety, an over-pious young nun sitting in a chapel, admiring a crucifix and getting emotionally over-wrought in an imaginative scene of Jesus being abused and crucified. But this is a metaphor, a mystical image, and a very challenging one.

When Therese of Lisieux speaks of Christ here she is referring not just, nor even primarily, to the body of the historical Jesus, but to the body of Christ in this world. Christ is still suffering and blood is still flowing from his face and his hands in many parts of our world. One of our tasks as Christians, and simply as human beings, is to, metaphorically, notice that blood, gather it up, and properly honour it. The Christian task, always, is to stand at the foot of the cross and gather up its dew so that this preciousness is not lost.

How do we do that?

- When Amnesty International, or any group or individual dedicated to justice, goes to war-torn and violent parts of our world, documents the violence there, and lists publicly the names of all those who have been made to disappear, they are standing at the foot of the cross, receiving its dew, and hastening to gather it up.
- When a nun leaves the safety and security of her own country and community and travels to Sudan to be with women who are being raped and documents their stories, she is standing at the foot of the cross, receiving its dew, and hastening to gather it up.
- When a friend on a playground rushes in after an incident to console the vulnerable young person who has just been humiliated by the school bully, she is standing at the foot of the cross, receiving its dew, and hastening to gather it up.
- When a man, like Greg Mortenson, steps out of a life of privilege and comfort to risk everything, including life itself, to build schools in the most rural parts of Pakistan so that young Muslims, especially young Muslim women, can receive an education, he is standing at the foot of the cross, receiving its dew, and hastening to gather it up.

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· When men and women dedicate their lives to working with the mentally disabled so as to help enable the lives and dignity of those whose talents are different, they are standing at the foot of the cross, receiving its dew, and hastening to gather it up.

· When an idealistic young person joins the peace-corps, or becomes a missionary, in the sincere desire to help someone who is less privileged, he or she is standing at the foot of the cross, receiving its dew, and hastening to gather it up.

And ...

· Whenever any of us takes time at our place of work or in our home to listen to that wounded soul who has worn out everyone's patience with complaints and whining reminiscences, we are standing at the foot of the cross, receiving its dew, and hastening to gather it up.

· Whenever any of us makes the effort to listen with empathy to that frustrated friend, colleague, or sibling, who is wrapped-up in jealous frustration because his or her life has not turned out as he or she had dreamed, we are standing at the foot of the cross, receiving its dew, and hastening to gather it up.

· Whenever any of us notices another's achievement and sincerely congratulates and blesses him or her on that success, we are standing at the foot of the cross, receiving its dew, and hastening to gather it up.

· Whenever any of us, empathically, pray for all those people in this world whose dreams are being crushed and who are suffering the martyrdom of obscurity and anonymity, we are standing at the foot of the cross, receiving its dew, and hastening to gather it up.

Blood still flows from both the hands and the face of the one being crucified. Mostly it goes unnoticed, with no one hastening to gather it up.

Our task, like that of Therese of Lisieux, is to notice, and the make sure that this preciousness does not go unnoticed, unmarked, without its proper honour.

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### **UP COMING EVENTS TO BENEFIT HOPE HOUSE MINISTRIES**

Hope House Ministries 26th **ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY & SILENT AUCTION**, Monday, November 30, 2009, 7-11pm, Villa Lombardi's , Holbrook, NY For Ticket information, please call Theresa Zeis at 631-473-8796

**AND**

**IRISH CHRISTMAS CONCERT** to benefit Hope House Ministries, Sunday, December 13, 2009 2pm at St. Joseph College Auditorium, Patchogue, NY. For ticket information, please call Janet Brennan at 631-928-2377 ext. 22.



## GIRLS & BOYS' BICYCLE RAFFLE

1 girl's new 20 inch bicycle

1 boy's new 20 inch bicycle

\$1.00 per raffle

Beginning on November 1<sup>st</sup>

Raffles will be sold after masses weekends of Nov. 7-8, 13-14, 21-22, Dec. 5-6

Raffle Drawing after the 5PM Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass

on Sat. Dec. 12, 2009

(Winner need not be present) **What a great Christmas present!**

### RAFLE DE BICYCLETTES POUR GARCONS ET FILLES

1 bicyclette pour fille, neuve, 1 bicyclette pour garçon, neuve

\$1.00 par raffle Les rafles seront en vente après les messes weekends de

Nov 7-8, 13-14, 21-22, Déc. 5-6

Le tirage aura lieu le Samedi 12 Décembre, 2009, Notre Dame de la Guadeloupe,  
après la messe de 5 :00 PM (Le gagnant n'a pas besoin d'être présent)

### QUEL GRAND CADEAU DE NOEL!

### RIFA DE BICICLETAS DE NIÑA Y NIÑO

1 bicicleta para niña de 20 pulgadas, 1 bicicleta para niño de 20 pulgadas

\$1.00 el número de la rifa

Las bicicletas estarán en exhibición a partir del 1° de noviembre en  
la venta de artesanías y pasteles

Boletos para la rifa se venderán después de las misas del 7-8, 14-15, 21-22  
de noviembre y 5-6 diciembre

La rifa será después de la misa de la Virgen de Guadalupe el sábado 12 de diciem-  
bre a las 5 p.m. (no necesariamente debe estar presente el ganador)

### ¡UN GRAN RELAGO DE NAVIDAD!

#### CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PROGRESS AS OF NOVEMBER 12, 2009

**GOAL:** \$800,000

**PLEGGED:** \$426,196 53.3% of Goal

**279 Donors & 25 Fund Raisers**

**and Monthly Campaign Collections**

**DONATIONS RECEIVED:** \$353,893

**BALANCE TO GOAL:** \$373,804 **CRAFT/BAKE SALE To Date:\$1,360.00**

St. Martha's Parish cordially invites you to their 2009

Sunday  
December 6th  
At Verdi's  
of Westbury  
680 Old Country Road



Honorees:  
Telma, Veronica and  
Alex Ticas

Tickets  
\$65 per person  
Tables of 10

Cocktails and  
Hors d'oeuvres at  
6:00 PM.  
Dinner and Dance  
Until



50/50 Raffle  
\$5 per chance  
Or  
5 chances for \$20  
3 prizes to be  
awarded



For reservations and other information

Call the Parish Center



**Events at St. Martha's— Nov. 15th,2009****Events at St. Martha's— Nov. 22nd, 2009****Key:****A**—Gym**B**—Lower Church**C**—Main Church**H**—Social Ministry/Outreach**L**— John Darcy Chapel**PC**— Parish Center**S**— School**Sun. 11/15/09**

9:30 – 10:30am RCIA Adult Sacraments  
Session S (209) in English

9:45 – 11:00am Religious Education Program  
S (A and all rooms)

9:45 – 10:45am Senior Choir Practice L

10:00am-1:00pm HEALTHY SUNDAY B

10:30am-12pm RICA - Adult Sacraments  
Session H in Spanish

11am-12:30pm Ultreya Movimiento  
Cursillos Cristiandad L

2:00-4:00pm Haitian Fellowship B

**Mon. 11/16/09**

7:00-9:00pm Confirmation Parent Mtg.  
S (A and St. Martin's Room)

7:30-9:30pm English Charismatic Prayer L

**Tues. 11/17/09**

7:30-9:30pm (ESL) S (Rms 210/213/214)

7:30 -8:30pm U Strong for Youth B

**Wed. 11/18/09** 5-6pm RCIA Children P.C.

6:30 – 9:45pm Pace Group AA S (Art Rm)

6:30 – 9:45pm Carismatic Hispanic Prayer A

7:30-9:30pm RCIA Adult Sacraments  
Session P.C. in English

7:30- 9:30pm Haitian Charismatic Prayer L

7:30 – 9:30pm Parent Baptism Prep Class in  
Spanish S (Rm.208)

**Thurs. 11/19/09**

7:00-9:00pm A BUSY PERSON'S RETREAT L

7:00-9:00pm Juventud sin fronteras B

7:15 – 8:30pm Religious Education Classes  
S (A and classrooms)

7:30 – 9:30pm (ESL) S (Rms 210/213/214)

7:30 9:30pm Parent Baptism Prep Class in  
English S (Rm. 201)

**Fri. 11/20/09**

10:00am – 1:30pm BINGO B

6:30 – 9:45pm Pace Group AA S (Art Rm)

8:00 – 10:00pm Spanish Choir C

8:00 - 10:00pm Haitian Choir L

**Sat. 11/21/09**

**NO BINGO**

9:30 – 10:45am YOGA S (St. Martin's Rm.)

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

1:00-9:00pm Carismatic Hispanic Gr.  
Intercession Retreat A

**Sun. 11/22/09**

9:30 – 10:30am RCIA Adult Sacraments English  
Session S (Rm.209)

9:45 – 11:00pm Religious Educaion Program  
S (A and all rooms)

9:45 – 10:45am Senior Choir Practice L

10:30am – 12pm RICA Adult Sacramnts Spanish  
Sessions H

11 - 12:30pm Ultreya Movimiento  
Cursillos Cristiandad L

1:00 - 7:00pm Intercession Prayer Group  
Carismatic Hispanic Group A

**Mon. 11/23/09**

7:30 – 9:30pm English Charismatic Prayer L

**Tues. 11/24/09**

7:30 – 9:30pm English as a Second Language  
(ESL) S (Rms. 210/213/214)

**Wed. 11/25/09**

6:30-9:45pm Pace Group AA S (Art Room)

6:30 – 9:45pm Carismatic Hispanic Prayer A

7:30- 10:00pm Haitian Charismatic Prayer L

**Thurs. 11/26/09** Happy Thanksgiving Day  
Parish Center Closed

**Fri. 11/27/09**

**NO BINGO**

8:00 – 10:00pm Spanish Choir C

8:00 – 10:00pm Haitian Choir L

**Sat. 11/28/09**

**NO BINGO**

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

