

**Masses For The Week**

**Monday - July 29 - Saint Martha**

6:30 Peggy Castle  
9:00 Howard Schilling

**Tuesday - July 30 - Saint Peter Chrysologus**

**Bishop and Doctor of the Church**  
6:30 Marty Laraia  
9:00 Deacon José Roa & Rosa Roa

**Wednesday - July 31 - Saint Ignatius of Loyola**

6:30 Peggy Castle  
9:00 Robert Hermann

**Thursday - August 1 - St. Alphonsus Liguori**  
**Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

9:00 Peggy Castle

**Friday - August 2**

9:00 Philip Reilly

**Saturday - August 3**

9:00  
5PM Geraldine Zeterberg

**Sunday - August 4 - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30AM Peggy Castle  
10AM Bernie Helldorfer, Jr.  
12PM People of the Parish  
5:30PM Mayra DeDomenico

**Readings For The Week**

Mon. Exodus 32:15-24, 30-34; John 11:19-27  
Tues. Exodus 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Matt 13:36-43  
Wed. Exodus 34:29-35; Matthew 13:44-46  
Thurs. Exodus 40:16-21, 34-38; Matthew 13:47-53  
Fri. Leviticus 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37  
Matthew 13:54-58  
Sat. Leviticus 25: 1, 8-17; Matthew 14:1-12

**Sun. Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23** *The first reading speaks of the foolishness of vanity, and misdirected labor.*

**Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11** *St. Paul instructs the Colossians not to return to their old way of life, but to seek what is above.*

**Luke 12:13-21** *Jesus tells the crowd to "Take care to guard against all greed, and then relates the parable of the foolish rich man.*



*Saint Maria Faustina*

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

**Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift**

**Weekly Budget: \$17,500.00**  
**July 28, 2019: \$12,718.19**  
**St. Vincent de Paul: \$1,545.00**

**Thank you for your generous support!**



**Bulletin Reflection**

Jesus is describing God's immeasurable generosity when He says in today's gospel, "Whoever asks, receives; whoever seeks, finds; whoever knocks, is admitted." Prayer and Formation are powerful and they are the path to spiritual growth. Is a Christian complete without them?

**Living Stewardship - Pillar of Formation:**

Jesus is forming us to become prayerful disciples by teaching His disciples how to pray. Make sure to take time out of your day to place yourself in prayer before the Lord.

***Charismatic Prayer Group***

Give glory to the Lord by the life you lead. It's as simple as that! It has nothing to do with your job, house or bank account. Those are earthly values and have no place or value in heaven. Imagine standing before the Lord and asking yourself, "Did I do all that I could to give Him glory?" **Our next prayer meeting is Monday, July 29 at 7:30PM in the Church. Call 516-993-9672 for more information or prayer requests.**

**H.O.P. CLUB WINNERS**

7/22/19 #337	Robert Frandolig	\$25
7/23/19 #552	Jo-Ann Durante	\$25
7/24/19 #377	James Duke	\$25
7/26/19 #373	Joyce Enderle	\$25
7/26/19 #186	Henry J. Dolan	\$50

**Renewals for the HOP Club will be in next week-end's bulletin. It is still \$60 a year from September 1 - August 31st. New members are always welcome to join!**



***“Whatever you do for one of these, the least of my sisters and brothers, you did it for me.”***

St Mother Theresa  
Outreach Center  
St Martin of Tours

This week, the Pantry could use: egg noodles, sugar, flour, pancake mix, beef stew, salmon, tomato paste, canned pineapple, fruit mix, peaches, vegetable soup, coffee, icing, boxed milk, evaporated milk, cake mix, rice, mustard, ketchup, oil, dish soap, laundry soap and toilet paper.

Thank you for all you do for those in need.

**Parish Outreach Food Pantry:**

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



*Altar Bread & Wine  
Week of July 28 - Aug. 3, 2019*

*In Loving Memory of  
Lucy Doupe*

*The Sanctuary Candle  
Week of July 28 - Aug 3, 2019*

*In Loving Memory of  
Lucy Doupe*



**REST IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**John R. Kunar  
Carmine Vasco  
Maureen DiMaria**

**REMINDER: Please call the rectory at 931-0818 to remove a name from the list.**

**Please pray for the sick of our parish:**

Leevalli Annearosa, Leigh Murphy, Richard Piernini, Joseph Simon Douglas Torres, Liz Robertson, Amy Hayes, Mom & Dad Matthew Messina, Pat Cannata, Christopher Gratton, Barbara Thompson Donald Castor, Dorothy Quinn, Zachery Duff, Sam Zubov, Patricia Morrone Mary Lynn Brassil, Brendan Rodriguez, Rebecca Passaro Annette Giuliano, Madeline Ciaravino, Tom Schuerlein Katie Walsh, Louise Sandberg, Anthony Luisi, Tommy Johnson Chris & Raymond Mirendia, Florencio Carmenate, Mary McCarthy Karen Kilgard, Ann Marie Frayler, Nicholas Balducci, Robert Kennan Corey Voboril, Baby Scarlett, May Duffey, Daniel Costa, Janet Medina Kevin Henson, Marie Newman, Hector Valentine, Theresa DuRoss Terry Hall, Bob & Anna Baciуска, Carol Ann Scudder, John Scudder Elsa Ryan, Justine & Nicole Scudder, Vincent Esposito, William Boyce Catherine A. McCarthy, Paul Granberg, Sarah Messina, Michael Arato Jo Ann Anastos, Connie Burgess, Dolores Miller, Elizabeth Ryan Layla Barr, Susan Carroll-Goyan, Patty & Tom Turano, Jesusa Aquin Nicholas Amato, Joseph McCroary, Richard Graziano, Jean Mulligan, Taylor Edward Boyce, Fran Gandolfo, Johnny D., Fr. Edmund Faliskie CSSR Joseph & Joyce Kostyak, William Castle, Anthony Della Croce Nicole Carbone, Barbara Rusch, Connie Kane, Beverly Viselli, Casey Betty Mara, Teri Pigott, George Reif, Ed Ingels, Liam Escanil Gus Kunze, Eddie Morales, Tom Miles, Debra Dowdell Elizabeth Hill, Louie Gandolfo, John Anderson, Daniel McCullough Mary Lafauci, Gerry Russo, Allegra LaFalce, Jessica Czarnecki, Bill Monahan Maureen Roberts, Francis Meehan, Brendan Donahoe, Janet Scarpelli Andrew McCarthy, Alicia Manetta, Baby Lucia Bianchi, Pat James Joseph David Iovieno, Robert Daniel, Dorothy Eisenstadt, David Drohan Martin Lee, Ralph Caputo, Kristen Smith, Michael Vigotty, Vinny Vanturini Tom Mitchell, Pat Murphy, Tarabokija Family, Philip Marino, Kathy Smith Henry Hamilton, Libia & Maria Teresa Valdez, Nancy Gerace Robert Collelouri, Arthur Baudo, Samantha McNeill, Pete Moran Veronica McCarthy-Pigott, Janine, Mary Jedlicka, Fr. Paul Wood Brian John Roe III, The Kloos Family, Jacklyn Baddalucco, Yolanda Zitelli Rose Marie Gaccione, Filomena Rosa, Andrew Bartolozzi, Pat Bergersen Robert, Amy & Richard Ferranti, Bill Veltri, Joseph V. Pace, Jr. Justin Turner, Christopher Hehn, Baby Remy, Jimmy Rizzo, Thomas Kelly Peggy Epstein, John Murphy, Al DeBatto, Adeline Norton, Ed Segretto Ann Marie Wezel, Jeanie Wilkins, Ann Soehngen, Fred Cameron Ryan Westbrook, Donna Strickland, Anthony Clese, Valerie Haberly Brendan Langhauser Family, Helen Kurlowicz, Christine Marsiello Michael M. Durante, Sonny D'Ambrosio, Pasquale Patalano, Thomas Triola Keith Ferrara, Margaret DeMarco, Annemarie Frayler, Mario Ratti Robert Amato, Yvonne McDonnell, Denise Dolan, Henry Hamilton Christian Bogdanos, Liam, The Mooney Family, Margaret Young Ann Malavet, Virginia Gala, Bridget, Karen Murphy, Richard Baker, Kevin Dina Ledogard, Ed Russo, Petrina Dralas, Michael John, Jean Vanturini, Diane Passaro, Mary Jane Bookman, Toni Novak, Diane Blair Ryan Castles, Susan Estabrook, Baby Luke, Heather Gilroy, Linda Jean Marie Sirianni, Pat & Tom Schimmoler, Frances Valenti, William Wojcik Denise Lombardi, Christopher Connelly, Mike & Carol Leva, Michael Barry Deborah A. Sullivan, Mary Castora, Diana Hart Mirando Patricia & Ralph Keck, Inge Luckmann, Lucy Zgrablic, James Carbone Theresa Leicht, Francis Michael Rapacki Brian Kevan, Joe Marciello, Adam May, Barbara Weis



## The Pastor's Letter

This is my last bulletin letter. Trees all over the United States are cheering! Through the years many of those who read the bulletin have told me they have appreciated my letters and sermons that have been printed. Some of you have told me that they share them with people who are not in the parish, and few have told me that they save them and occasionally read them again. I thank all of you for your encouragement and support with those kind words. I must give great praise to my editor Genny Mitchell, the parish secretary, who has saved me many times from saying crazy things because I had either left words out of the letter or misspelled words that might have greatly confused people. I am so very grateful to her since she is far more than a parish secretary. She has been a key advisor to me through the years. She has found checks on my desk that were lost, chased after me as I was heading to the dumpster since I was looking for something that she had found in my office, and countless other adventures. She is the person who makes our bulletin special, adding many wonderful and creative touches. She will be a great help to Father Chris.

Since our Provincial Superior Father Borowski CSSR informed the parishioners of the decision to return the pastoral care of the parish to the Diocese, I have very often heard words like the following: *we are going to miss the Redemptorist so much; why can't you stay; couldn't just two priests remain; will you come back and visit or give a mission; I am so upset and sad...* Every time I heard such sentiments I felt both a sense of sadness and a feeling of love. Bittersweet emotions.

I want to offer a particular word of gratitude for the leadership of Ann Hughes, Lucy McNamara, Genny Mitchell, Elena Scollo, and Marliese Coveney and all the many volunteers who have planned so well



to express their appreciation for the thirty three years of Redemptorist ministry at St. Martin's, who welcomed Bishop John Barres so warmly on June 23<sup>rd</sup> at the 11:30 a.m. Mass, who planned a moving Mass of Thanksgiving and wonderful luncheon on July 7, and who have planned what I expect to be a wonderful sending forth Mass and meal for our priests and people.

I also offer a great word of thanks to Mr. Tom Frost, our parishioner, who is an owner of *Long Island Athletics*. Through the years, he has been so good to the parish with tee shirts for the Bible Camp and for our fundraisers.

He and his staff have been very generous as part of the process to create our beautiful stoles. I must acknowledge the vendor in Minnesota where the stoles were purchased. After that, Tom's company did the embroidery and made the screen print patches, followed by a local dry cleaner who sewed the patches onto the stoles. The parishioners then gifted us with what we call a creation of love for us and our Order. We cannot begin to thank you, the People of God, for so precious a gift.

In particular as our departure date has drawn closer, the kindness and love of all of you for the Redemptorists has been overwhelming. You have promised us prayers for our new assignments. You have thanked us and wished us well and good health. Some of the ministries organized parties for us, many have sent cards and given gifts. I have always tried to write thank you notes, but I may struggle to do so this time. You have done much to thank us and make us feel appreciated. I think of the words of the song, *You Raise Me Up*, sung by Josh Groban.

*When I am down and, oh my soul, so weary/When troubles come and my heart burdened  
Then, I am still and wait here in the silence/Until you come and sit awhile with me*

*You raise me up, so I can stand on mountains/You raise me up, to walk on stormy seas  
I am strong, when I am on your shoulders/You raise me up... To more than I can be*

*You raise me up, so I can stand on mountains/You raise me up, to walk on stormy seas  
I am strong, when I am on your shoulders/You raise me up... To more than I can be  
You raise me up... To more than I can be.*

I know I leave here more than I can be: to be called to be a more faithful person and a compassionate priest who has felt the transforming power of love and kindness in so many ways. I hope you know that we Redemptorist feel the same deep love for you. We may not be able to thank you for all the many kindnesses and gifts, but know we see them as coming from your hearts.

**Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.** I will never forget you as the Irish blessing goes, *May God hold us in the hallow of his hand until we meet again.* When I was installed as pastor eight years ago, I ended the homily at the Mass with the last words spoken in the classic movie *Casablanca* that proved to be so prophetic for me:

*I think this is the beginning of a beautiful friendship.*

**Father Patrick Woods, C.Ss.R.**

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**St. Gerard Majella, CSsR** is a very popular Redemptorist saint of the Catholic Church as the special patron of those who are seeking to get pregnant or adopt and those who are pregnant and praying for a safe delivery.

As you know, we have a beautiful icon of St. Gerard in our prayer area of our church. You are welcome to ask any of the priests or deacon for a blessing with the St. Gerard relic if you are seeking to become pregnant, adopt or are pregnant.

As we leave St. Martin of Tours Parish, please know and understand that we will always continue to keep those who long for a child in our prayers. Our hearts are with you.



The Redemptorists want to extend their blessings to all homes in the St. Martin of Tours Parish. As you leave Mass, our volunteers will be distributing a small bottle of holy water, a prayer for the blessing of your home or apartment, and a magnet of the Holy Family.

The Redemptorists would be honored if you would do this blessing with your family and friends.

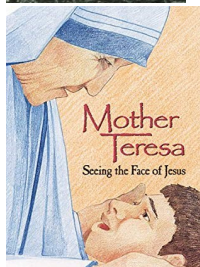
*The St. Martin of Tours Bible Camp Team*



A great big thank you to Pat Astarita and her wonderful team of volunteers who did a marvelous job for our Annual Summer Bible Camp. The Campers were so happy and excited to be at camp all due to everyone pictured above. Thank you all so much!



**Fatima Hope for the World** is a 13-part series which tells the true story of Fatima from the apparitions in 1917 through the 20th Century. Each video is about five minutes. It includes details of the apparitions, historical context, the secrets of Fatima, the three Children seers and their missions, Our Lady's specific requests and the importance of responding to her requests. This series states that the Fatima message is more vital now than ever, as it contains the call of Gospel in the Bible to repent, and reconcile your life to God.



**Kids Korner Mother Teresa: Seeing the Face of Jesus DVD**

"Whatever you do unto the least of these, you do unto me." Mother Teresa always remembered those words of Jesus. She said she saw Jesus in the face of each sick and dying person she helped. This movie presents the life and work of Mother Teresa with words and pictures that even the youngest child will enjoy. Children will happily learn that Mother Teresa was a person whose strong faith and trust in God helped her make incredible changes in our World. 35 Minutes

**From Deacon Tom Hennessy:** So many memories over so many years! Early Masses celebrated in the dark of winter mornings, Holy Week liturgies, Easter Vigils, confirmations, communions, weddings, missions and so much more. I wish all of you continued joy, peace & success as you go forth to serve the Lord and his people in gladness. Thank you and God bless you.

**From Deacon Chris Quinn:** It is with heartfelt gratitude and much affection that I may wish all of you Peace, Joy and much success as you go forth to begin your new assignments in your ministry of service to Father, Son and Holy Spirit and to the people of God. Personally, as one who is newly ordained to diaconal ministry, your support is something for which I am truly grateful. Father Pat, as Pastor, your support and encouragement to me and to many other men in formation and for the diaconate as a ministry has been unparalleled. Fathers Denis, Ciya and Jim, you have given all of us a gift by the way you have modeled the true Redemptorist spirit and your example of striving always to live holiness of life. As clergy and parishioners, we will always hold that close to our hearts. I pray that God will grant all of you happiness, fulfillment and many blessings in everything you endeavor in your future ministries!

**The Pastoral Council and Parish Trustees** have worked very closely with the Pastor throughout the 33 years of Redemptorist Ministry at St. Martin of Tours. The Council's main purpose is to investigate, reflect and reach conclusions about pastoral matters which are recommended to the Pastor. We will all miss working with Father Pat in these endeavors but most especially we will miss his humor, openness and friendship. God go with you, Fr. Pat, and all our Redemptorists. It has been a great ride.

**The Finance Committee** thanks the Redemptorists for their guidance through the years as we reviewed our Parish financial hopes and fears. Together we carefully planned and attained the goals for the Capital Campaign. Your leadership and inspiration leave us in good and stable order with significant improvements and structural updates completed. God Bless You as you have blessed our people.

We, in **Religious Education**, are extremely lucky to have had such strong, supportive clergy in our Faith Formation program! To have all the Redemptorists be a presence and helping to teach our children was such a blessing. Whether it was teaching a class, substituting at the last minute, visiting classrooms, or giving spiritual guidance where needed, each one would gladly help. We work very hard to make our Sacraments special. This was made possible with the support of Father Pat and all our priests. They always made a point at being at all our ceremonies. Along with the rest of the parish, and all the children in our program, we will miss them greatly. We wish them all the best in their new assignments.

**The Arts & Environment Ministry** adds beauty and color to the liturgy. **The Liturgy Committee** adds insight, music, encourages participation in the Mass, reminds us of the traditions and the correct format for our liturgical events. **The RCIA** journey evangelizes by providing a path for those in need of full communion with our church whether it be for all the Sacraments of Initiation or some. The Redemptorists reflect these ministries in the beauty and the reality that they bring through their homilies and their actions. They bring to liturgy all the reverence and love inspired by Jesus Christ. They aid those coming into full communion in our faith through word, deed and actual participation in the sessions. They are seed, nourishment, and true celebrants of our faith. God bless them always.

**The members of the Arimathea Ministry** thank our wonderful Redemptorist priests for the many years of service to our parish. We are so grateful for helping to make our parish a family. Your heartwarming homilies at funeral Masses, we are sure, helped the grieving families send their loved ones home to God. We will keep you in our prayers and pray all goes well for you in your new assignments. We will miss you, and may God be with you.

**All those involved in our parish fund raisers** did so with the love and encouragement of the Redemptorists for the benefit of our parish. We thank you and will always remember how much joy and fun you brought to our church community as we helped sustain our parish through our efforts.

The members of the **Young at Heart** wish to thank all of the priests who served this parish for the past 33 years. But, it is saying goodbye to Fathers Pat, Denis, Ciya and Jim that will be the hardest. We all will miss Father Pat's jokes and Father Denis' songs which highlighted many of our meetings. We will miss the bright smiles and hardy waves from Father Ciya and Father Jim. You have become our friends - friends that we were able to talk to at any time. You were never too busy. All of our 120 members wish you success, happiness, love and contentment in your new positions. WE LOVE YOU, AND WE WILL MISS YOU!

The team members, companions, and volunteers of **St. Martin of Tours Baptism Program** extend their sincerest gratitude to our Redemptorist priests that we have worked so closely with. We watched the program transform several times under your guidance in order to become the beautiful experience families have as we help to welcome their children into our faith. The love and care with which you ministered to our community will always be remembered. With a mixture of sadness in losing you, but joy for you as you continue your ministry in other places, we bid you all farewell. I have heard it said that the best part of any journey is the people you meet along the way. Thank you for this past 33 year journey! And as our paths reach that fork in the road, and we prepare to go our separate ways, we offer you our prayers and God's blessings as your new journeys commence.

**All of us at the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and the Food Pantry** are so grateful to Fr. Pat and all of the priests for all they have done. Their personal donations and concern for the poor have been an example to all of us who volunteer. We will always remember the Redemptorists with kindness and love and wish them great success and happiness in their new assignments. We will continue to model the work of St. Vincent de Paul and St. Mother Teresa in service to the poor and less fortunate among us.

**The Respect Life Ministry** would like to give our thanks and bid a fond farewell to our Pastor Father Pat, Father Ciya, Father Jim and Father Denis as they continue their journey in the footsteps of our Lord. We wish them a safe journey and pray for success in their new assignments. May they remain in God's gentle care and look back on St. Martin of Tours as a parish they touched, taught and helped along its way. May God bless and keep them and may they always remember the words of our beloved Saint Pope John II, *"In the name of God, respect, protect, love and serve life, every human life,"* always remembering that is exactly what they did.

**The Christian Mothers Rosary Confraternity** bid a sad, fond farewell to our Redemptorists. You have united and strengthened our parish. May Our Lady of Perpetual Help bless you all as you begin new ministries far away. We won't forget these 33 years of Redemptorist devotion.

It is with hearts full of gratitude that **ALPHA** sends forth our Redemptorist priests to continue to proclaim the Good News of the Gospel. ALPHA will always be indebted to Father Patrick Woods, CSsR, for your openness to bring ALPHA to our parish. Thank you for taking the leap of faith! In the four sessions we held, you brought your wisdom, faith, joy and perhaps most important of all, your sense of humor. Thank you for leaving us with the gift of ALPHA. It could not have happened without you.

**The Saint Martin of Tours Music Ministry** would like to wish our beloved Redemptorist priests (past and present) all the best in their new assignments. Most of all, we want to thank you for your unending support, love and encouragement throughout the years. It has meant the world to us and has made us want to serve our Lord even more. Even though you will be terribly missed, trust that we will continue God's work here by praising him with a song on our lips and *you* in our hearts. Please think of us and pray for us whenever you hear your favorite hymn. Until we meet again, (and we will), may God bless you and keep you well and happy.

**The Monday Morning Money Managers** wish you all God's blessings in your new ministries. Each week there was ever a "Loaves and Fishes" trust that our counting would support both the Church budget and pastoral hopes and plans. Together with the generosity of our wonderful Parishioners, you managed to keep us on track. For Thirty Three years, like Loaves and Fishes, you have fed us all. You managed to have strengthened all the Parish laity. May God Bless You.

**The Pastoral Care of the Sick** thank the Redemptorist priests at St Martin of Tours throughout the years for all their help and spiritual guidance to the Eucharistic Ministers in the Pastoral Care of the Sick. You truly made a difference for every parishioner who can no longer attend Mass. We send our prayers as you continue with your spiritual guidance in your new assignments. May God bless you and guide you always.

We thank you, dear Redemptorists, for being the guiding light and touch of Jesus in our parish. The parishioners of St. Martin's will always carry you in their hearts. You believed, encouraged and facilitated the creation of the **Women's Group, FORMED, and the St. Gerard Majella Ministry**. Together, we have created places where we can recognize and receive God's graces. Your commitment to us has been overwhelming. May kindness and God's blessings return to you in the same beautiful way it was given. Your spirit is deep and permanent and leaves a warm, joyous, and real presence that we will always cherish. We send you forth with all of our love. xo

**We Sacristans** have been honored to work with the Redemptorists all these years in a ministry such as this. Our position as sacristan keeps us surrounded by the Holy Presence of God each and every day. We are privileged to prepare for every Mass, baptism, wedding and especially to witness God's healing consolation to those who mourn their loved ones. You give peace, comfort, joy, and compassion to all those who come into the Church of Saint Martin of Tours. Godspeed, Redemptorists. We hold you in our hearts as we continue to serve our Lord.

As the head of the **Ushers & the Pre-Cana Program** and on behalf of all the volunteers in both ministries, I would like to thank the Redemptorists for all of their support for the past 33 years of service to Saint Martin of Tours. We wish that the Redemptorists enjoy their new assignments and keep in touch.

**The Life Teen Youth Ministry** cannot begin to thank the Redemptorists for all of their generosity, support and guidance throughout these past 33 years. So many of them facilitated our meetings, helped with bible scavenger hunts, performed in our plays and talent shows, did Habitat for Humanity with us, did monthly Adorations, came to Camp Veritas and Steubenville retreats and so much more. God be with you all. We love and will miss you so much.

**Those of us who work as Manager of our Church Property and as Housekeeper**, wish the Redemptorists every happiness in their new assignments. Working with you all has been our pleasure as we take pride in keeping all our buildings clean and working as efficiently as possible - albeit through many challenges! God be with you. We will greatly miss you all. Dios esté con ustedes a todos los sacerdotes Redemptorist. Yesmin y tu familia te extrañarán mucho.

It takes a variety of "special ingredients" to make a batter for a cake to bake successfully—with the main ingredient being **LOVE!** With grateful hearts, **The St. Clement Bakers** thank God for the "special ingredients" in each of you that formed the "batter" for St. Martin of Tours Parish Family, which nurtured and enriched our lives and spirituality—with your **LOVE** being the main ingredient! Go and touch many more lives, as you have touched ours, piece by piece. God bless you.

**The Altar Servers Ministry** would like to say how grateful we all are for the Redemptorist priests who were our moderators, teachers and guides. We especially loved the ice cream socials, hot chocolate practices and the bowling parties that you did for us. Most of all we will always remember your kindness whenever you acknowledged us at Mass. We will always keep you in our thoughts and prayers.

**The Bible Camp Volunteers** are so grateful to Father Pat for initiating this ministry. We are deeply thankful for his huge participation in every way possible as he brought the campers an understanding of Jesus with joy, humor and fun. Because of Father Pat, the children had a hands-on experience each time we brought them into the Church. We all - both volunteers and campers - will have fond memories of bible camp, and send our love and prayers with him, and all of our Redemptorists, as they begin their new assignments.



**The Knights of Columbus of the Hartigan Council #5033** have had a wonderful relationship with the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer. The Redemptorists have been active members either as fellow Knights or as Chaplin. Throughout the years we have been involved in the life of St. Martin of Tours Parish by working hand-in-hand with them under the principles of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. Our prayers and good wishes go with them as they continue to serve the people of God.

**The Parish Communication Team** would like to express our gratitude to Father Pat for his leadership, guidance and input in approving the use of our parish's communication tools that includes the development of our MyParish App, Facebook and St. Martin of Tours' web site. These tools truly enable our priests and parish staff to quickly and effectively communicate and share information with our fellow parishioners via their computer, tablet and cell phone. To Father Pat, Father Denis, Father Jim, Father Ciya and all Redemptorists who provided their dedicated service to our Parish through these many years, thank you for allowing us to walk with you on your journey! God bless you and keep you in His care always.

For the past 33 years our Parish has been truly blessed having the Redemptorists priests serve our Parish. From Father George to Father Pat, the Order has sent us all of their very best. You've touched our hearts, our minds but especially our souls. You have nurtured and fed us spiritually and through your inspiration, helped us to grow. We will never forget you and will always consider ourselves as a part of the Redemptorist Community. **The Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** send all of you forth with our hearts, love, and prayers to your new assignments, and wish you all God's very best Blessings.

**As Ministers of the Word**, it is our job to read the sacred text, not to write or create it. As such, please be patient with us as we wish you well. Many a Sunday, or Holy Day, our nerves have been assuaged by a friendly word in the Rear Sacristy. Standing and speaking in front of a group is not everyone's cup of tea. Many of the Lectors did so in response to a call to Serve in some capacity. And you always made us feel welcome and important. "Which Readings - A, B or C will we read?" "Shall we read the Responsorial Psalms or will they be sung?" "Can you lend me some assistance in pronouncing the names of the towns mentioned in the Readings (or in the memorial portion of the Prayer of the Faithful)?" Your reply would always be calm and assuring. How easily you spoke, and read, from the Pulpit. Your peaceful demeanor was contagious and helped us to Serve. Thank you for years of Redemptorist blessedness. May you continue to bring such happiness, peace, and love that you brought to our parish over these many years.

All the members of the **Gardening Team** want to wish much peace and happiness in your new assignments. We want to thank you all for being there and giving us encouragement with our projects. We will always think of you as we work around all the areas that have been transformed into gardens.

All of the **Prayer Groups** that worship and praise at St. Martin of Tours will always remember the Redemptorists for their charism and commitment to the Holy Redeemer and His Mother, Our Lady of Perpetual Help. We will remember you all in our prayers and ask the Holy Trinity to give you strength as you begin your new mission. Thank you so much for everything and God bless you.

**The Altar Society of St. Martin of Tours** sends our thoughts and prayers to all our Redemptorists as they continue their ministry at their new assignments. All of our volunteers have had the privilege to serve Our Lord and the Redemptorists during their time here. You will always have our prayers and wish you nothing but joy in all the places you will now call home. God bless you all!

**The Rectory Staff**, both past and present, have all worked very closely with the Redemptorists from day one. As Father Pat says, "when you work for the church, don't expect to get rich!" But for each one of us, our riches are in the friendships we have made and the memories we will always cherish. As we wish you all a fond farewell, we will forever keep you in our hearts and prayers.



**Father Pat's Homily of Sunday, July 21, 2019**

The word *Redemptorist*, the name for the religious order that has served here at St. Martin's for the past thirty-three years, is really only a nickname. When we were founded, our first original title was *The Congregation of the Holy Savior*. Since there was already an order with that name in the Church, it was decided to have our formal name be *The Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer*. So, the word *Redeemer* has evolved into our less formal name of *Redemptorists*. However, I think most of us love the name *Redemptorist* since it is so linked with Jesus the Redeemer.

Jesus died out of love for every human being and seeks to bring us home to eternal life. What a great mission to share in. When you see us write our name formally, we write the initials *C.Ss.R.* after our name. Most religious do that as well. The Jesuits writing *S.J.* after their name standing for *The Society of Jesus*; the Dominicans write the initials *O.P.*, which stands for *Order of Preachers*, the Franciscans *OFM*, *Order of Friars Minor*. *C.Ss.R.* recognizes our formal title in Latin: *Congregatio Sanctissimi Redemptoris*; which English is *Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer*. Some say *CSsR* really means *Congregation of same sermons repeated*. I know some brides, before they are married, practice writing their new last name since they are so looking forward to the wedding. When I was in the novitiate preparing to enter the Redemptorists, I remember the desire I had to write the initials *CSSR* after my name. My license plate is reads *CSSR68*. That is the year I became a Redemptorist and I even have a Met shirt with the words *Pat CSSR* on it. I have been told not to wear it since it embarrasses our Order.

The beautiful memorial book that has been prepared for the departure of the Redemptorists from the parish on August 1<sup>st</sup> has been named *Plentiful Redemption*. The book as you know has pages upon pages of touching memories written by our parishioners expressing how they experienced the power of Redemption by God's grace through the ministry of a Redemptorist. The Redemptorist coat of arms going back more than 250 years is described this way in our rule: "*The seal of the Congregation consists of a cross with a lance and sponge mounted on three hills; on either side of the cross are the abbreviated names of Jesus and Mary; above the cross is an eye sending forth rays over a crown. Around the seal is the motto written in Latin: Copiosa Apud Eum Redemptio (Translation: "With him is Plentiful Redemption")*"

The three hills, the lance, sponge, and the cross represent the great act of Jesus' dying for every human being who has ever lived. The initials *ARE and M* refer to Jesus and Mary. St. Alphonsus Liguori, the founder of the Congregation of the Holy Redeemer, had a profound love for both Jesus and Mary, His Mother. The eye above the cross with surrounding radiating lines is similar to the lines flowing from Jesus in the Divine Mercy Image. God's love and mercy are pouring into the world from the Trinity. The crown above the eye speaks to us of the reward for those who embrace and accept the redeeming power of Jesus as do the palms surrounding the image. A wreath was often given to the one who completed his or her race just as we might give flowers to someone we love or want to recognize. We think of the words of St. Paul in first Corinthians: *every athlete exercises discipline in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we seek an imperishable crown.* The seal reminds us of the fundamental purpose of life: union with the God who so loves us.

Today, in Redemptorist parishes and churches all over the world we are celebrating the Feast of the Most Holy Redeemer. In the rest of the churches they are celebrating the 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary time. We have the joy of celebrating this particular feast which is so very special to our Order. We celebrate the Feast of the Holy Redeemer on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of July.

Pope Saint John Paul II spoke these words to the Redemptorists in 1982: *“Following St. Alphonsus, in all pastoral ministry the centrality of Christ must always be stressed, as the mystery of the mercy of the Father. Redemptorists should never tire of proclaiming, that is, the infinite love which Christ has for human beings, especially those most in need of healing and freedom when tainted by the horrible consequences of sin.”*

In the Gospel we read for this Feast, we heard what many would say are the Gospels and the entire Bible summed up in one sentence. *“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.* This may well be the last time the Feast of the Most Holy Redeemer is celebrated here at St. Martin’s. Over the past 33 years of our ministry, we pray the truth of plentiful redemption: **God is a God of mercy and love. Amen.**

### **Air Conditioning**

We just passed through a brutally hot weekend. I regret that our church air-conditioning is not working at full capacity. There are six units that provide for the A/C in the church. Three are working fine, two are working at limited capacity, and one will no longer function. Unfortunately, we were not aware of this until we needed them this summer. I know there are areas in our church that are cooler than others and I appreciate how patient the parishioners have been. Rather than move to a quick fix that might not be so quick, we felt it is better to evaluate the entire system and consider replacing what needs to be upgraded. Fortunately, due to your generosity, we have the funds from our capital campaign which would enable us to replace the system if need be. If something has to be done that cost above \$25,000, then it must go through the diocesan process. So presently, we are not able to make the church any cooler than it has been in the last several weeks. We are hoping that the three well-functioning units continue to work at full capacity. Although it is not as cool in church as we wish, I do think that the present reality is still tolerable for the short run. If there are more problems, then I think we may have to consider some emergency steps such as perhaps to have Mass in the cafeteria, but I do not anticipate that happening. I am sorry for your discomfort and for this issue landing on Father Chris’ desk. I can assure you we are seeking to do the best we can.

### **Parish Celebrations**

In this time of transition, we have had two celebrations that involved nice meals. I am so grateful for the donations that we have received from parishioners, the local Redemptorist community, the sale of tee shirts, and the funding of the *Plentiful Redemption* book. I have been deeply impressed with the efforts of the planning committee to be good stewards, and I am happy to inform you that funds from the parish’s operating budget have not been used.

D.J.



St. Martin of Tours Block Party  
Friday, August 16th at 6PM  
School Parking Lot



The Knights of Columbus providing hamburgers & hot dogs

Potato salad, coleslaw & macaroni salad  
water and soft drinks will also be provided

Desserts by the St. Clement Bakers

You can bring snacks & food for your table if you wish.

We Need Volunteers to:

- Sell raffle tickets prior to weekend masses
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I want to offer a word of thanks to Diana Hughes and Liam Gordon. They did a wonderful ministry with our young people and I am most grateful to them. Diana is taking college courses and is stepping away from the ministry due to her studies and the care of her family. The youth program may continue as is or be reorganized by Father Chris. Thanks to all volunteers who gave their time and talent for our teens.

The Life Teen Youth Ministry along with Father Denis spent last weekend at St. John's University at a retreat called Steubenville NYC. We were surrounded by hundreds of other teens and their team of adult volunteers to praise and worship our Lord.

Because the cost for each teen is expensive, we held a Disney Raffle back in May which help tremendously. In addition, the first prize winner of \$5,000, Rosanna Kluth, donated back \$500 to assure that no teen would be left behind because of the cost. Thank you once again, Parishioners of SMT and to Rosanna! God bless you!



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- July 29: Charismatic Prayer Group 7:30PM Church
- July 30: Eucharistic Adoration 3PM - 7:30PM
- July 28: Redemptorists Farewell Mass 12 Noon. Reception to follow.
- Aug 2: First Friday Devotions - after communion at 9AM Mass
- Aug 3: First Saturday Devotions - 8:30AM Church
- Aug 5: Holy Face Devotions 1PM Church
- Aug 16: PARISH PICNIC 6PM School Grounds
- Aug 28: Women's Group 7PM St. Alphonsus Hall

