

Church of Saint Martin of Tours

40 Seaman Avenue, Bethpage, New York 11714
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MISSION STATEMENT

We, the parish family of St. Martin of Tours, focus on the Eucharist because it affords all of its parishioners the opportunity to participate and celebrate the presence of our Risen Lord. We seek through Word and Eucharist to be guided by the Holy Spirit. We do so to build a welcoming community of love and mutual respect through our liturgical, spiritual, educational and social ministries where all can grow in their relationship with God.

THE CLERGY

Rev. Christopher Costigan, Pastor
Rev. Sylvester Ileka, Associate Pastor
Rev. Vincent Schifano, in Residence
Rev. Deacon Thomas R. Hennessy
Rev. Deacon Christopher P. Quinn

Trustees: Carol Buffa and Frank Mekalainas

Parish Council: Martin Meaney, Tom Beck, Annette Crofton
Louie Gandolfo, Rosanna Kluth, Michael Leva, Kate Mayerhofer
Lucy McNamara, Robert J. Smith

Finance Committee: John McCarthy, Frank Aiello, Carol Buffa
John Lynam, Lucy McNamara, John McTigue, Frank Mekalainas
Tina O'Donnell, Susan Oliver

Liturgy: Deacon Tom Hennessy, Deacon Chris Quinn, Ann Hughes
Janet McKenna, Frank Mekalainas, Pat Ricci, Elena Scollo

Rectory Office: Tel. 931-0818 • Fax 931-0559
Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9AM-8PM • Lunch 12-1PM
Saturday 9AM-7PM • Closed Sunday

Office of Faith Formation: 822-9768
Patricia Ryan and Laura Leigh Agnese, Coordinators
Monday - Thursday • 9:30AM - 3:00PM • Closed Friday

Parish Social Ministry: Mary Vitti, Coordinator • 931-7332
Monday 9:30AM - 2:30PM • Thursday 2:00PM - 7:00PM

Music Ministry: Elena Scollo, Director of Music • 713-8854

Facility Manager: George Lucas • 635-7944

First Friday Devotions: After the 9AM Mass
First Saturday Devotions: 8:30AM Church

The Sacrament of Baptism: Karen Dillon, Coordinator • 454-6454

The Sacrament of Matrimony: Please contact the rectory office at
least 6 months prior to the wedding.

St. Vincent de Paul : 718-687-8854

New parishioners: please fill out a parish registration form
at the rectory office during business hours.

Change of address: Please notify the rectory.

DAILY MASS

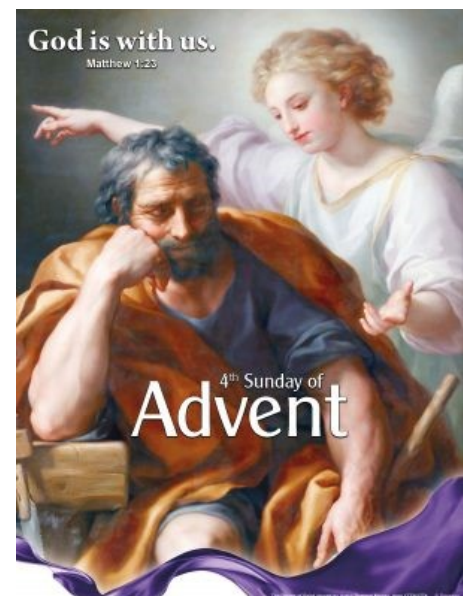
Monday - Friday 6:30AM & 9AM • Saturday 9AM

WEEKEND MASS

Saturday Vigil 5PM
Sunday 7:30AM, 10AM, 12:00PM, & 5:30PM
Holy Days of Obligation - as noted in the bulletin

CONFESSION

Every Saturday at 2PM
Monday - Friday immediately following 6:30AM Mass
8:30-8:50AM before 9AM Mass
Sundays from 4:30-5:15PM
6PM - 6:45PM preceding the 7PM Mass
on the Eve & Day of Holy Days of Obligation



*Joseph, son of David, have no fear
about taking Mary as your wife.
Matthew 1:18-24*

**Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 22, 2019**

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Mon. December 23 - St. John of Kanty, Priest

6:30AM

9AM Sean Keicher

Tues. December 24

NO 6:30AM

9AM (Daily Mass)

Christmas Eve Masses

4PM Henry Soluk (Church)

4PM Frank Donohue (School)

4:30PM at the Knights of Columbus

6PM Maryann Jaworowski (Church)

9PM Ronald Gedney, 1st Anniversary (Church)

12AM The People of the Parish (Church)

Wed. December 25 - Christmas Day (Church Only)

7:30AM Mary Mullaly

10AM Lynam & Accardi Family

12PM Joseph R. Giugliano

NO EVENING MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY

Thurs. December 26 - St. Stephen, First Martyr

NO 6:30AM

9AM Joseph Sicurella

Fri. December 27 - St. John, Apostle & Evangelist

NO 6:30AM

9AM Helen Haack

Sat. Dec 28 - The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

9AM

5PM Kathy Ann Watson

Sun. December 29

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

7:30AM The People of the Parish

10AM Mary C. Lane

12PM Angela Calendrille

5:30PM George Benasutti & Patricia McMahon

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24; Luke 1:57-66

Tues. 2 Samuel 7, 1-5, 5b-12, 14a, 16
Luke 1:67-79

Tues. **Vigil of Christmas:** Isaiah 62:1-5
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Matthew 1:1-25

Wed. **Christmas Day:** Isaiah 52:7-10
Hebrews 1:1-6; John 1:1-18

Thurs. Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Matthew 10:17-22

Fri. 1 John 1:1-4; John 20:1a, 2-8

Sat. 1 John 1:5-2:2; Matthew 2:13-18

Sun. Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 *Sirach writes about family relationships and duties, especially that of honoring one's parents all the days of their lives.*

Colossians 3:12-21 *Paul instructs the Colossians on how to love one another and live for Christ.*

Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23 *In the Gospel, Joseph follows the instructions of the angels who led him safely into, and out of, Egypt.*

OUR WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIFT

Due to the early submission of this bulletin, the collection for December 15th will be reported in the next issue.



Bulletin Reflection:

St. Joseph is always a great example of how we should live our lives. Burdened by doubt, he was unaware of what he should do regarding Mary's mysterious pregnancy. However, he was visited by an angel and told what God wanted him to do.

Living Stewardship - Pillar of Hospitality:

The best way to find out what God wants us to do is to ask Him. When you pray this week, ask the Lord to make you aware of what He wants you to do in all situations of your life.



Saint Maria Faustina

Divine Mercy Novena

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

HOP Club winners can be found on page 12.



"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 Parish

This week, the Pantry could use: oatmeal, coffee, oil, canned pineapple and mixed fruit.

Due to your tremendous generosity, we were able to serve all of our clients very well for Thanksgiving. In addition, the Knights of Columbus delivered 26 baskets, the Syosset Homemakers provided 6 baskets, BK Sweeney's donated 60 meals to our individual clients and the Pantry created 9 Baskets. Thanks to all who donated food and turkeys, cakes and pies.

WE are very grateful for your help to serve 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 December 22 - 28, 2019
In Loving Memory of
The Szmytkowski & Zoitke Families

The Sanctuary Candle
Week of December 22 - 28, 2019
In Loving Memory of
Kristine Benasutti



REST IN PEACE
Mary Lazzati

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, 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 Baciuska, 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.
- 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 Escaniel, 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, Pete Moran, Brendan Donahoe, Janet Scarpelli
- Andrew McCarthy, Alicia Manetta, Baby Lucia Bianchi, Pat James
- Joseph David Iovieno, Robert Daniel, Dorothy Eisenstadt, David Drohan
- Ralph Caputo, Kristen Smith, Michael Vigotty, Vinny Vanturini
- Tom Mitchell, Pat Murphy, Tarabokija Family, Philip Marino
- Kathy Smith, Henry Hamilton, Nancy Gerace, Robert Collelouri
- Arthur Baudo, Samantha McNeill, Veronica McCarthy-Pigott, Janine,
- Mary Jedlicka, Fr. Paul Wood, Brian John Roe III, Jacklyn Baddalucco
- Yolanda Zitelli, Rose Marie Gaccione, Andrew Bartolozzi, Pat Bergersen
- Robert, Amy & Richard Ferranti, 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, Thomas Triola, Keith Ferrara
- Margaret DeMarco, Annemarie Frayler, Mario Ratti, Robert Amato,
- Yvonne McDonnell, Denise Dolan, Henry Hamilton, Christian Bogdanos
- Liam, The Mooney Family, Bridget, Karen Murphy, Richard Baker, Kevin
- Dina Ledogard, Ed Russo, Petrina Dralas, Michael John, Jean Vanturini
- Diane Passaro, Mary Jane Bookman, Toni Novak, Ryan Castles
- Susan Estabrook, Baby Luke, Heather Gilroy, Linda Jean
- Marie Sirianni, 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, John O'Sullivan, Brian Kevan, Adam May, Barbara Weis
- Thomas Fahey, Teri Bunker, Diane Kelly, Andy Lomuscio, Baby Dominick
- Kathy McKerlie, Bridget Lissy, Madison Milio, Patrick Vanacore
- Mary Jane Pendl, Terri Smith, Edison Esposito, Gene Stasiuk
- Carlo Ruggiero, Francis & Kathleen Meehan

The Pastor's Letter



After three full weeks of preparation in the season of Advent, we have reached the Fourth Sunday and light the remaining candle on the Advent Wreath. The celebration of the Birth of the Lord at Christmas is just days away. Christmas is not an end but a beginning! Remember Tuesday evening *begins* the Christmas Season which goes this year until the Baptism of the Lord on Sunday January 12. So keep those decorations up and the Christmas music playing! It is also a time to continue those good practices

we have begun in Advent: extra prayer time, more frequent Mass attendance, going back to confession, charitable acts for the less fortunate. As the radio stations go back to their regular playlists and put Christmas away for another year, the changes we have made in love of God and neighbor should continue.

Please look at our bulletin and website for the many things happening here at Saint Martin. Prayerfully consider how you can get involved! Many times it is presented as "these are things we need volunteers for." Perhaps we should instead be asking, "What am I good at? What am I interested in? What are my talents? How can I use them in service of God and neighbor?" If you have any ideas of ways to get involved that you don't see, let us know! The easiest way to contact me is through email (fathercostigan@gmail.com).

A word of thanks to our staff and volunteers who did an amazing job during Advent and preparing for Christmas, as well as our liturgical ministers and office staff. For those who are visiting, we welcome you, pray for your safe travels, and hope you will visit again soon. For our parishioners, we will see you next week!

On behalf of the priests, deacons, and staff of Saint Martin of Tours, a blessed end of Advent and beginning of the Christmas Season to you and your family!

Father Christopher Costigan, Pastor

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The Fourth Sunday of Advent



The **Gospel** is from Matthew 1:18-24. "How unsearchable are the judgments of God and how inscrutable his ways!" as St. Paul says to the Romans (11 :33). If God had preserved the kingdom of Judah (which he could so easily have done), and if the Messiah, the son of David, were to be born in the royal palace in Jerusalem, it would be natural and we would almost say, more fitting the dignity of the Messiah.

Instead, God allowed the kingly line, and the throne of Judah, to disappear, and he chose a humble carpenter of Nazareth, a true descendant of David but a lowly one, to be the foster-father of his divine Son, when he took human nature and came on earth to "dwell among us."

But God's ways are not our ways. It is not by their social standing, nor by their bank-accounts, that God values men. Virtue is the scale he uses when weighing men. In God's eyes, no king sat on the throne of Judah, not even David himself, who was more acceptable to God as foster-father for his Son, than the carpenter of Nazareth.



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Christmas 2019

To the People of God of the Diocese of Rockville Centre:

In his December 1, 2019 Apostolic Letter *Admirabile Signum: On the Meaning and Importance of the Nativity Scene*, Our Holy Father Pope Francis writes:

“The nativity scene is like a living Gospel rising up from the pages of sacred Scripture... I wish to encourage the beautiful family tradition of preparing the nativity scene in the days before Christmas, but also the custom of setting it up in the workplace, in schools, hospitals, prisons and town squares.

Great imagination and creativity is always shown in employing the most diverse materials to create small masterpieces of beauty. As children, we learn from our parents and grandparents to carry on this joyful tradition, which encapsulates a wealth of popular piety. *It is my hope that this custom will never be lost and that, wherever it has fallen into disuse, it can be discovered and revived.*”

The Holy Father captures so poignantly how we creatively share our Catholic faith generation to generation through the Nativity sets and creches that bring Christ’s light and love into our homes, our parishes and our public squares.

He also captures how the poor, the outcast, the ignored, the forgotten and the vulnerable have a privileged place in every Nativity scene: “The presence of the poor and the lowly in the nativity scene remind us that God became man for the sake of those who feel most in need of his love and who ask him to draw near to them. Jesus, ‘gentle and humble in heart’ (Mt 11:29), was born in poverty and led a simple life in order to teach us to recognize what is essential and to act accordingly. The nativity scene clearly teaches that we cannot let ourselves be fooled by wealth and fleeting promises of happiness. We see Herod’s palace in the background, closed and deaf to the tidings of joy. By being born in a manger, God himself launches the only true revolution that can give hope and dignity to the disinherited and the outcast: the revolution of love, the revolution of tenderness. From the manger, Jesus proclaims, in a meek yet powerful way, the need for sharing with the poor as the path to a more human and fraternal world in which no one is excluded or marginalized.”

As we celebrate the joy of Christmas and the power and presence of the Prince of Peace in our families, in the Church and in the World, we realize at the same time that the Christmas Crib can never be separated from the agony of Calvary’s Cross.

The Psalms of the Church's Morning Prayer will be prayed at 8:30 a.m. before the 9:00 a.m. Mass. This will be done Monday to Friday during the four weeks of Advent.



Notes From The Music Ministry

Please join the St. Martin's Musicians and Choir for a Pre-Midnight Mass Concert on *Christmas Eve at 11:15PM In the Church*. We will be performing songs, old and new, that we are sure you will enjoy. This will be followed by the beautiful Mass at Midnight for The Nativity of the Lord.

Don't Miss This Wonderful Celebration Of The Birth Of Our Savior.

Wishing You All a Blessed Christmas and Health and Happiness in the New Year...From All of us in the St. Martin's Music Ministry.

HELP! WE NEED YOU TO ...

...consider joining in the formation of a new **Hospitality Committee** here at St. Martin of Tours. Time is precious to everyone so we would like to have a great response so that no one person is left to work alone. We would create a forward-looking calendar so that individuals could have flexibility in choosing a convenient time to serve.

There isn't an overwhelming number of events and some do occur in the evening or on the weekend. We need a leader, set-up people, clean-up people, and shoppers. Once we receive this great response, **Ann Hughes (516-433-6972)** will arrange a meeting. Men as well as women are encouraged and most welcome to help.





ST. MARTIN OF TOURS CYO GIRL'S VOLLEYBALL

St. Martin of Tours will be offering CYO Volleyball during 2020 for girls in grades 5 through 8. Priority for the program is to parishioners of St. Martin of Tours and girls who played last year. Practices begin in January and games run from end of February through end of April. Local travel to other parishes in the Diocese will be required.

If you are interested please email CYO Coordinator Dave Fantry at dfantry@drvc.org. Registration will be held in Parish School Auditorium on Thursday, December 26th and Thursday, January 2nd from 6:30pm-8:30pm. Last year was a huge success and we are working on building the program moving forward. Thanks and enjoy the holiday season.

Fees for season:

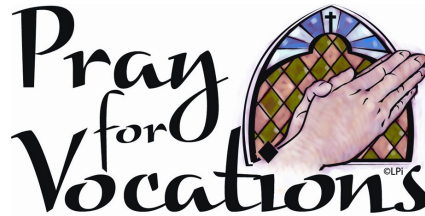
1st child - \$150

2nd child of family - \$245

4th or more from same family - \$295

New Uniform Fee – TBD

All checks made payable to St. Martin of Tours CYO



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



BOYS AND GIRLS AGES 9 - 14

HARTIGAN COUNCIL'S ANNUAL FREE THROW CONTEST

St. Martin of Tours School Auditorium • Sunday, January 5, 2020 • 1:00 PM

*For more information
Call Bob DeRosa 516-776-0688*

MOMMAS HOUSE

MOMMAS HOUSE is a home for young women who are pregnant, homeless and alone. The young women are between 18 and 24 years old. While at MOMMAS, the young women will complete their education or vocational training.

The babies are cared for by the staff and volunteers at MOMMAS House. **For more information, call 516 781-8637 or go to the website: www.mommashouse.org**

St. Vincent de Paul Store Locations:

2160 Jericho Turnpike, Garden City Park NY
(516) 746-8250

(enter New Hyde Park if you use GPS)
OPEN MON-SAT 10-6

1705 Jericho Turnpike, Huntington NY
(631) 858-0380 OPEN MON-SAT 10-6

To arrange furniture, clothing, cars and other donated materials for pick-up, please call (516) 746-8250 (Nassau) or 1 800 884-7837 (Suffolk). You can also visit on line at <http://www.svdprvc.org/thrift-stores.html>. Follow the links. St. Vincent de Paul will review your donation request.



CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER OF LI

A Pre-Cana program preparing couples for marriage recognized by the Catholic Church.

For more information contact
Pat and Lenny Walker, Coordinators
631-563-1032
or visit
www.engagedencounterli.org

*A candle in honor of Saint Anne will be lit for
The D'Avanzo and Reardon Families
December 20 - 27, 2019*

*A candle in honor of Saint Peregrin will be lit for
Nicoletta Lieberg
December 20 - 27, 2019*

*A candle in honor of Saint Therese of Lisieux will be lit for Angela Signa
December 20 - 27, 2019*

MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE & DAY AND THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24: 4:30PM KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, CENTRAL AVENUE
4PM CHURCH & SCHOOL**

6PM*, 9PM & MIDNIGHT MASS IN CHURCH**

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25: 7:30AM, 10AM & 12 NOON IN CHURCH. NO EVENING MASS.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31 - VIGIL AT 5PM

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2020: SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
10AM & 12 NOON. NO EVENING MASS.**

***BEGINNING AT 5:30PM: CHILDREN’S CHOIR PRE 6PM MASS CONCERT**

****BEGINNING AT 11:15PM: ADULT CHOIR PRE MIDNIGHT MASS CONCERT**



THE GIANNA CENTER

WWW.CHSLI.ORG/GIANNACENTERLONGISLAND



Available to women and couples of all faiths, the Gianna Center is located at **CHS’s Good Samaritan Hospital, 1000 Montauk Highway, West Islip, and can be reached at 631.376.3232.**

Directions and a map to this location are available online by visiting www.chsli.org/gianna-center-long-island and navigating to “Contact the Gianna Center of Long Island.”

For anyone with an unexpected or crisis pregnancy, the crisis pregnancy support social worker/navigator can be reached at 1(855) 301-4CHS from 8AM to 4PM, Monday through Friday and is supported 24/7 by a team of trained professionals evenings, weekends and holidays.

The confidential, dedicated telephone number for this program is **1 (855) 301-4CHS**, supported by the availability of multilingual interpretive services. Anyone of any faith may call or refer to this support line, including representatives of parishes, colleges and crisis pregnancy centers, to facilitate safe, non-judgmental companionship for women and couples in a crisis pregnancy.

To speak to someone about pregnancy options immediately between 7:00 pm and 7:30 am Monday to Friday or on the weekend, please call **1 (800) 712-HELP (4357)**.

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smtbethpage.org

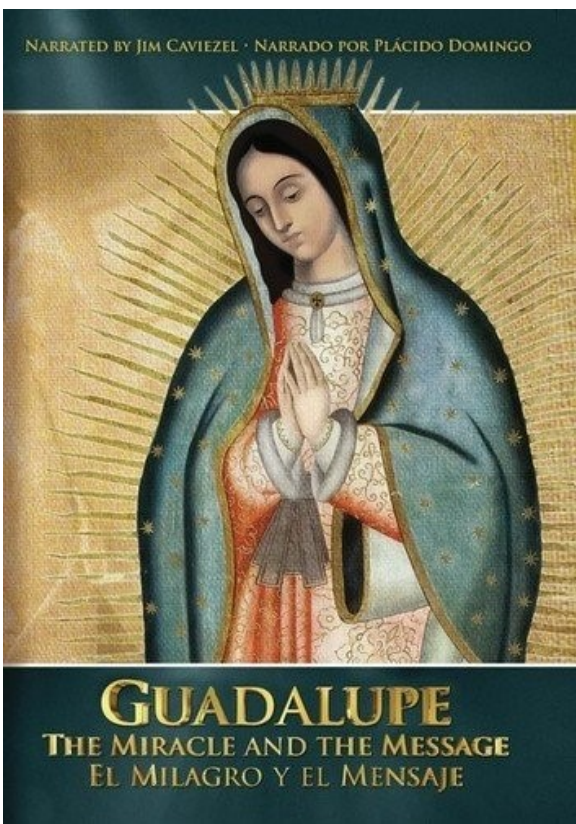
Parish App Feature-of-the-Week



- Daily Mass readings
- Official NAB(re) version
- Easily bookmark readings to reread at a later time

Readings Learn more or download our parish app at myparishapp.com

*Available on Apple and Android Phones.



FORMED FOR ADULTS:

Guadalupe: The Miracle and the Message
Narrated by Jim Caviezel

The most important event in the evangelization of the New World occurred in December, 1531. Over the course of four days, the Virgin Mary, under the title of Our Lady of Guadalupe, appeared to an indigenous convert named Juan Diego. As a result of this encounter, and the image miraculously imprinted on Juan Diego's tilma (cloak), nine million Native Americans embraced the Catholic faith, and the Americas began its transformation into the Catholic hemisphere. Our Lady of Guadalupe's message of love had replaced the institutionalized violence of the Aztec culture and built a bridge between two worlds.

Guadalupe: The Miracle and the Message traces the history of this transformative event from the 16th century to the present. Featuring interviews with leading theologians, historians, and experts on the scientific inquiries into the miraculous image, this gripping film explores both the inexplicable mysteries behind the image, and the continued relevance of the Guadalupe apparition to the modern world.



FORMED FOR KIDS

Brother Francis presents The Days of Advent

Brother Francis leads us on a daily journey in this special seasonal celebration of the coming of the Lord! Featuring meditations, prayers, and suggested activities to keep our focus on Christ this Christmas.



PLEASE PRAY CONSTANTLY FOR THOSE SERVING IN OUR MILITARY

Lord of Hosts, we commend to Your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with Your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils that beset them; and grant them Your abiding presence wherever they may be. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



MAJ Gregory Holownia, US Army
 MAJ Erika Holownia, US Army
 SGT Zachary John Sheehy, USMC
 PVT Travis Ruggiero, US Army
 SGT Dennis Diesel, USMC
 SGT Matthew P. Sirianni, US Army
 CPT Conor B. Murphy, USMC
 CPT Victoria Meyer, US Army Nurse Corp
 PO1 John Paul Pedalino II, US Navy
 CPT Thomas P. Shea, USAF
 SGT Michael John Kelly, USMC
 1LT Brian McGrath, US Army
 SPC Matthew Castellano, US Army
 SSGT Michael Patrick Murphy, US Army
 CPL William Corrigan, USMC
 LCDR Daniel Cloonan, USCG
 PVT Daniel Kuhlmann, US Army
 LCPL Jonathan M. Gordon, USMC
 CPT Sean O'Donnell, USAF
 A1C Jake DeRossi, USAF
 CPT Mike Polan, US Army
 L/CPL Daniel O'Shea, USMC
 PVT Salvatore Castellano, US Army

SGT Matthew C. Windisch, USMC
 E3 CORPSMAN Robert Fidnarick, US Navy
 1LT Brian Thorpe, US Navy
 PO3 Joshua Zimmerman, US Navy
 MAJ Brendan McEvoy, US Army
 PO3 James Fischer, US Navy
 LTC John Evans, US Army
 ABHAA Michael Creagh, US Navy
 PVT Steven DiPaolo, USMC
 SSGT Sean V. Oliva, US Army
 2LT Samantha Lopez, US Navy
 SSG George Howard, US Army
 LT Mario Lopes, USMC
 PVT Brian Barcavage, US Army
 CS1 Andrew L. DeMarsico, USN
 MAJ Thomas E. Mangiamele, US Army
 PVT Edward Morales, US Army
 LTC Michael F. Wendelken, USAF
 PVT John Marcel, Jr USMC
 LCPL Brendan M. White, USMC
 PFC Clint Applegate, US Army
 CPT Patrick C. Looney USAF
 SGT Ryan O'Keeffe, USMC

For Our Military

All-powerful and ever-living God,
 when Abraham left his native land
 and departed from his people
 you kept him safe through all his journeys.

Guard and protect our Military.

Be their constant companion and their strength in battle,
 their refuge in every adversity.

Guide them, O Lord, that they may return home in safety.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen



The Office of FAITH FORMATION DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

January 2020 through March 2020

Register Online WWW.DRVC-FAITH.ORG

RCIA Level I

Our Lady of Grace, West Babylon

Wednesday, January 15, 22, 29

February 19, 2020

6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

St Martin of Tours, Bethpage

Thursdays, January 16, 23, 30,

February 6, and 13, 2020

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Ministry of Consolation Level I

St. Aidan, Williston Park

Wednesdays, January 22, 29;

February 5, and 12, 2020

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Building Intercultural Competences in Ministry

St. Frances Cabrini, Coram

Thursdays, February 6, 13, 27;

March 12, and 19, 2020

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Or

Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, Roosevelt

Mondays, February 10, 24;

March 2, 9, and 16, 2020

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Catechist Training Level II

St. James, Setauket

Tuesdays, March 10, 17, 24, and 31, 2020

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Bereavement Conference

St. Frances de Chantal, Wantagh

Saturday, March 21, 2020

8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Bereavement Ministry Facilitator Training

Level I & II

St. Mary's, East Islip

Saturday, March 28; April 4, 18, 25;

May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; and June 6, 2020

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

EXPERIENCE PEACE AND LOVE

If you or someone you know haven't been to Confession in a while, the Catholic Church wants to welcome you back, and invites you to participate in this beautiful sacrament of healing. Take a step in faith. You'll be surprised about how free you feel after taking part in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. So many Catholics describe incredible feelings of peace, joy, relief, and love that they never expected. Jesus is calling you to experience His mercy in this way too.

See the front cover of the bulletin. St. Martin of Tours offers Confession every day or call the rectory for an appointment. (516-931-0818)

Charismatic Prayer Group

For God so

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world that He gave His only begotten

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*Wishing everyone a very blessed
Christmas.*

Our next meeting is Monday, December 23rd at 7:30 p.m. in St. Alphonsus Hall, weather permitting. Come first for the continuation of the *Wild Goose* video at 7pm. Call 516-993-9672 for prayer requests or more information.

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Over 2,000 years have passed since that glorious star lit the sky over Our Lord Jesus asleep in a manger. That same star shines above us each night. What a wonder it would be to walk out this Christmas Eve in search of that star. Maybe close our eyes and imagine that glorious moment that it led the way to the Child that would change the world forever.

Mary Did You Know

Mary did you know that your baby boy will one day walk on water?
 Mary did you know that your baby boy will save our sons and daughters.
 Did you know that your baby boy has come to make you new.
 This child that you've delivered, will soon deliver you.

Mary did you know that your baby boy will give sight to a blind man.
 Mary did you know that your baby boy will calm a storm with his hand.
 Did you know that your baby boy has walked where angels trod.
 And when you kiss your little baby, you have kissed the face of God.

Mary did you know, Mary did you know, Mary did you know.
 The blind will see, the deaf will hear and the dead will live again.
 The lame will leap, the dumb will speak, the praises of the Lamb.

Mary did you know that your baby boy is Lord of all creation.
 Mary did you know that your baby boy will one day rule the nations.
 Did you know that your baby boy is heaven's perfect Lamb.
 This sleeping child you're holding is the great I AM.

written by Buddy Greene, Mark Lowry.

**THE RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY WISHES EACH AND EVERY ONE, PEACE, JOY AND HOPE
 DURING THIS BLESSED CHRISTMAS SEASON.**

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he Incarnation—the belief that God became man in the person of Jesus Christ—is central to our faith. In this extraordinary event in salvation history, God gave us an incredible gift. Pope Benedict XVI said of the Incarnation, “God took on the human condition in order to heal it of everything that separates it from Him, in order to allow us to call Him, in his Only Begotten Son, by the name of ‘Abba, Father’, and to truly be children of God.” In taking on human flesh, God showed us our true value as his children and gave us the perfect example of how to love him.

God is, among many things, a wonderful storyteller. Even in the way he revealed the Incarnation to the world, God gave us a short summary of the way salvation history was unfolding according to his plan. The actual event of the Incarnation happened at the Annunciation, when the angel Gabriel told Mary that she was to be the mother of God. When Mary consented, the child Jesus was conceived in her—God became man, a fact

that was only known to Mary at the time because of her unique bond with the unborn child and the grace of the Holy Spirit. But on Christmas, Jesus was born, and the Incarnation was revealed to all people. God was no longer shrouded in the same kind of mystery.

God’s revelation to humankind has been similar throughout salvation history. First, he was known only to his chosen people, the Jews, and his presence dwelt in the Ark of the Covenant. Similarly, when God incarnate dwelt in Mary’s womb (the Ark of the New Covenant), he was known only to her. In the same way that Jesus was to open salvation to all people through the New Covenant, the truth of the Incarnation became visible and known to all people when he was born. Jesus’s birth was a moment of universal revelation of the Incarnation representative of the universal revelation of the New Covenant.

So, what does this mean for us today? We are people of different cultures, languages, races, and experiences. Yet we are all the children of God, made in his image, and invited to the banquet of salvation through the blood of his Only Begotten Son. Like Mary, who said yes to God, we are also called to say yes to salvation. As we prepare to celebrate the Nativity of the Lord, may we give thanks to God for revealing himself to us through Jesus and lovingly inviting us to grow ever closer to him.



*May our parishioners, their families, friends and visitors to
St. Martin of Tours be blessed with the one, true gift - Emmanuel - God with us!*

The Priests, Deacons, Acolyte, Ministries & Staff

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dec 23: Charismatic Prayer Group 7:00PM Wild Goose followed by prayer St. Alphonsus Hall
- Dec 31: 9AM Morning Mass; Vigil at 5PM
- Jan 1: Mary, Mother of God 10AM & 12 Noon
- Jan 3: First Friday Devotions at 9AM Mass
- Jan 4: First Saturday Devotions 8:30AM Church
- Jan 6: Holy Face Devotions 1PM Church
- Jan 6: Charismatic Prayer Group 7:30PM Church
- Jan 7: Eucharistic Adoration 3PM - 7:30PM Eucharistic Chapel
- Jan 21: St. Padre Pio Holy Hour 7:30PM Eucharistic Chapel

