

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday - Aug. 5 - Dedication Basilica St. Mary Major**  
9AM Thomas Rhatigan
- Tuesday - Aug. 6 - Transfiguration of the Lord**  
9AM Colleen McNamara, 9th Anniversary
- Wednesday - Aug. 7 - Saint Sixtus & Companions**  
9AM Jimmy Martinez
- Thursday - Aug. 8 - St. Dominic, Priest**  
9AM Christine Delgado Waters
- Friday - Aug. 9 - St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross**  
9AM Edward Rasmussen
- Saturday - Aug. 10 - St. Lawrence, Deacon, Martyr**  
9AM Concetta, Vincenza, Rosario & Salvatore Scalici, Grace Gilman  
5PM Armando Consuegra, Vilma Rivera Raphael
- Sunday - Aug. 11 - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
7:30AM Eugene Capobianco  
Bessie & Salvatore Priolo  
10AM Jimmy Martinez  
12PM Frank Meglio, Bernard Kelly  
Kinneck Family & Werner Family  
5:30PM The People of the Parish

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Mon. Numbers 11:4b-15; Matthew 14:13-21
- Tues. Daniel 7:9-10; 2 Peter: 16-19; Luke 9:28b-36
- Wed. Numbers 13:1-2, 25-41:1, 26-29a; 34-35; Matthew 15:21-28
- Thurs. Numbers 20:1-13; Matthew 16:13-23
- Fri. Deuteronomy 4: 32-40; Matthew 16:24-28
- Sat. 2 Corinthians 9:6-10; John 12:24-26
- Sun. *Wisdom 18:6-9* The reading from Book of Wisdom recounts the faith of the forefathers on the night of Passover.**  
***Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-9* The second reading reminds us of Abraham's unwavering faith in things unseen.**  
***Luke 12:32-48* Jesus uses a parable to teach the importance of right priorities- those who remain faithful and ready will be rewarded.**



***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: \$16,069.19**

**Thank you for your generous support!**



**Bulletin Reflection**

In today's Gospel, Jesus stresses the fact that life on Earth is fleeting and there is an Eternal Life afterwards. It is important to spend this lifetime becoming a better person and doing God's will, so that we may spend our Eternal Life in Heaven.

**Living Stewardship - Pillar of Service:**

Focus on doing good for those in need. Many are hungry, tired, scared and in need of hearing the Good News. This is a good week to buy some cans of food for your local parish food pantry.

***Charismatic Prayer Group***

Are you in a battle? Read Ephesians 6:10-11, 16-17. My brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. Above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of the Lord. I can't add anything to that!

**Except come to our next prayer meeting on Monday, August 5th at 7:30PM in the Church. Call 516-993-9672 for more information or prayer requests.**

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

7/29/19 #387	Helen Sergio	\$25
7/30/19 #36	Margaret Ruggiero	\$25
7/31/19 #289	Julie Ann Tmeo	\$25
8/1/19 #476	Maryann Davidock	\$25
8/2/19 #374	Jane Von Bevern	\$50



***“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, pancake mix, Ramen noodles, Stove Top Stuffing, beef stew, salmon, tomato paste, pasta sauce, peaches, pears, mixed fruit, Chef Boyardee pastas, vegetable soup, coffee, icing, cake mix, brownies, Jell-O, pudding, tissues, toilet paper, shampoo, conditioner, bar soap, diapers (sizes 5 & 6) and baby wipes.

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 Aug. 3-9, 2019*

*In Loving Memory of  
Anthony & Virginia Buffa*

*The Sanctuary Candle  
Week of August 3-9, 2019*

*In Loving Memory of  
Raymond T. Young, Sr.  
& Ann Young*



**REST IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**Joseph Marsiello, Pasquale Patalano  
John Abbatepaolo  
Martin J. Lee**

**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
- 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, 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, John O'Sullivan
- Brian Kevan, Adam May, Barbara Weis, Thomas Fahey





*“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.” Proverbs 3:5-6*

With these words, we have sent forth the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer - the Redemptorists - to begin their new assignments, and with these same words Saint Martin of Tours Parish welcomes Father Christopher Costigan as our Pastor and Father Sylvester Ileka as our Associate Pastor.

### PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests.

Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments.

Help our priests to be strong in their vocation.

Set their souls on fire with love for your people.

Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength  
they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom.

Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel.

Allow them to experience joy in their ministry.

Help them to become instruments of your divine grace.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest.

Amen.

## The Pastor's Letter



I would like to begin my first bulletin column as pastor of Saint Martin of Tours by offering thanks to Father Pat and the Redemptorist Community for their care and support of this community for the past 33 years. Over the past several months I have experienced just a small part of what you have experienced for the past decades. Thank you for your assistance in the transition from one pastor to another, and the larger transition back from Redemptorist priests to Diocesan priests staffing this wonderful parish.

Thank you also to the parish staff with whom I have been in regular contact over the past few months and who I am looking forward to working with in the years to come. Thank you to all responsible for the *Plentiful Redemption* book and video. Having read and viewed them over the past few weeks, I am more excited to begin my ministry here at St. Martin.

I was very happy to be here for the Mass on July 7. I met many of you that day, but I must confess that it will take a little time to remember names and faces. So please remind Father Sylvester and I when we meet you over the next few months. Please see the bulletin for more information about our Block Party on Friday, August 16. It's a great way to meet the new priests, as well as fellow parishioners who you may see each week but never really took the opportunity to sit and speak with. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus and the committee for their work preparing for the day.

I just wanted to share with you some of the practicalities of the transition. Normally, parishes will have one priest leave and another take his place while the other priests in the parish remain. We have the experience of all of the priests leaving and all new priest coming in. To add to that, we have a religious order leaving and diocesan priests coming in. I say this just to ask for your patience for myself and Father Sylvester as lot of "institutional knowledge" will be leaving and it will take some time to catch up. Before Bishop Barres assigned me here, I had already made plans for a retreat at the Shrine of the Cure of Ars, France with some priest friends. The feast of Saint John Vianney, the patron saint of parish priests, is today, August 4. The retreat will take place later this month, from August 18-24. Father Sylvester had already planned vacation for the month of September. Happily, his brother is also a priest, and Father Justin Ileka will be with is for the month of September.

A few weeks ago, Bishop Barres assigned Father Vincent Schifano to live in residence here at St. Martin while he ministers full time to the sisters and residents at Saint Joseph Residence in South Huntington. Because of his ministry, he will not be able to assist regularly in the parish but will when his schedule allows. He will be taking vacation this month and return in September. So, by October everything will be running "normally."

There is a lot of transition here at St. Martin and it may take a bit of time before everyone feels "normal" again. That is understandable. But our Scripture readings this weekend remind us where to keep our focus: On what is above, not what is on the earth. Our eyes, and hearts, must always focus on Jesus Christ. I will conclude my first bulletin column here at St. Martin just as I concluded my last one at St. Martha. ***Priests come and go, people come and go, but Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.***

*Father Christopher Costigan, Pastor*

### St. Martin of Tours CYO Basketball

St. Martin of Tours will be offering CYO Basketball for boys and girls in grades 3 through 8. Priority for the program is to parishioners of St. Martin of Tours and children who played in the program last year. Practices begin in September for girls and October for boys. Games run from the end of October through the 1st week of January for girls and mid-November through March for boys. Local travel to other parishes in the Diocese will be required. If you are interested, please contact CYO Coordinator Dave Fantry, at email [dfantry@drvc.org](mailto:dfantry@drvc.org). Registration will be held in **Parish Auditorium Tuesday, September 3rd and 10th from 6:30pm-8:30pm. These will be the only registration dates.** Depending on the number of registrants, try outs may be necessary. We are looking forward to a great CYO Basketball season!

#### CYO FEES FOR SEASON:

1st child - \$175

2nd child of immediate family - \$245

or more from same family - \$295

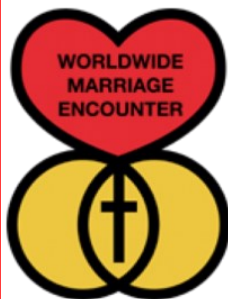
New Uniform Fee - TBD



**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 deacons for a blessing with the St. Gerard relic if you are seeking to become pregnant, adopt or are pregnant.

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter



"Knock and the door will be opened to you." Discover the amazing plan God has for you and your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Nov 8-10, 2019 in Huntington, NY and Jan 31-Feb 2, 2020 in Huntington, NY. For more information, call John & Toni Torio at 877-697-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmenyli.org/>.



**This Fall, couples who have been married fifty years will be honored at a Mass on Sunday, November 3, 2019 at Maria Regina Roman Catholic Church in Seaford. Mass will begin at 2:00PM, and Bishop Andrzej Zglejszewski will preside.**

**Registration forms and complete instructions can be obtained at the rectory. Space is limited, registration will be accepted on a first come first served basis. The forms can also be found on our website [www.drvc-faith.org](http://www.drvc-faith.org). If you have any questions, you may call 516-678-5800, ext. 223.**

**FORMED PICK**

**Pope John Paul II**



Follows Karol Wojtyla's journey from his youth in Poland through his late days on the Chair of St. Peter. It explores his life behind the scenes: how he touched millions of people, changed the face of the Church and the world, and how he defended the dignity of mankind.

**FORMED PICK FOR ADULTS  
Pope John Paul II DVD, Ignatius Press**

This new film is the world's biggest documentary on Pope John Paul II. It reveals his remarkable legacy in the history of the Church and the world, as well as his extraordinary personality, generosity, courage, and sense of humor. He united people on all continents, regardless of their social status, age, or religious beliefs. This movie took 4 years in the making, scanning 13 countries. This is a unique, dynamic, high quality, and sweeping epic film on the amazing life and legacy of Saint John Paul II.

**FORMED KIDS' KORNER**

**Br. Francis: The Rosary**



Join Brother Francis and use your heart, mind, and song to learn the prayers of the Rosary.

**Kids Korner**

**DVD : Brother Francis: The Rosary**

Join Brother Francis in this entertaining and guidance-filled presentation that will inspire children to deepen their Faith by praying the Rosary. This episode includes the Annunciation in an animated portrayal of Mary's joyful submission to God's will.

Watch on: [smtbethpage.formed.org](http://smtbethpage.formed.org)



**OUR LADY OF FATIMA  
PILGRIM STATUE COMES TO YOUR HOME**

For more information on how you can have the Pilgrim Statue come to your home, call Sheila at (516) 396-1471.

**NOTES FROM SMT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM**

Please consider becoming a religion teacher to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ to the children of the parish. The first thing that needs to be done is to complete disclosure and compliance forms and take a Virtus class ([drvc.org/virtus](http://drvc.org/virtus)) which are mandated by the Diocese of Rockville Centre. You can reach out to the rectory for more information at 516-931-0818 or call Religious Ed at 516-822-9768.

*Thank you! Pat Ryan and Laura Leigh Agnese, Coordinators*

**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](http://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.



**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

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

**Eighth Graders: Catholic High School Entrance Exam Prep Course offered at Holy Trinity High School in Hicksville.** Five 2 1/2 hour Saturday a.m. sessions, each including review in English and Math as well as practice tests. Course begins Sept. 14. \$250 fee covers instruction and materials. For additional information, visit [holytrinityhs.org](http://holytrinityhs.org) or call (516) 433-2900.

**St. John the Baptist DHS is offering a Prep Course** to prepare students for the Catholic High School Entrance Exam. We will run five 2 1/2 hour sessions beginning in September. We are also offering a Test Taking Strategies Class the Friday evening before the exam. For additional information please visit [www.stjohnthebaptistdhs.net](http://www.stjohnthebaptistdhs.net) or call (631) 587-8000 ext. 117.

**St. Martin de Porres Marianist School** - Looking for some good 8th graders We have a few seats available for the 2019-2020 8th grade class. All 8th grade students, upon successful completion of our rigorous curriculum, are offered admission into Kellenberg Memorial High School. Call Mr. Holian at 516 481-3303 X 102 for more information and registration.



**THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY****Holy Day of Obligation**

In the light of the Assumption of Mary, it is easy to pray her Magnificat (Luke 1:46–55) with new meaning. In her glory she proclaims the greatness of the Lord and finds joy in God her savior. God has done marvels to her and she leads others to recognize God’s holiness. She is the lowly handmaid who deeply revered her God and has been raised to the heights. From her position of strength she will help the lowly and the poor find justice on earth, and she will challenge the rich and powerful to distrust wealth and power as a source of happiness.

**MASS SCHEDULE:**

**Wednesday, August 14th - Vigil of the Assumption 7PM Mass**

**Thursday, August 15th - The Assumption 9AM, 12Noon & 7PM**



*New York State  
Catholic Conference*

The Official Voice of the Catholic Church in the Empire State

Update 

As you recall, in response to concerns raised over inadequate instruction at some Jewish schools, the State Education Department (SED) had proposed “guidelines” that would have given authority to public school districts not only to oversee instruction at religious and independent schools, but also to determine whether our schools would be able to continue to operate. Although those “guidelines” were thrown out by the NYS Supreme Court on narrow procedural grounds, the SED advanced proposed regulations that would, if adopted by the Board of Regents, do essentially the same thing.

Education Commissioner Mary Ellen Elia, who spearheaded this initiative, has since announced her resignation, and a number of state legislators and members of the Board of Regents have expressed their opposition to the initiative, believing that SED should focus attention instead on the particular schools over which there are concerns. Despite the support we believe we have secured from Regents and lawmakers, we are working hard to ensure that the proposed regulations, as currently drafted, are defeated.

The NYS Catholic Conference and NYS Council of Catholic School Superintendents will continue these efforts, and may call upon you in the future to once again add your voice to help defend the independence and success of our Catholic schools. We will keep you posted as this issue continues to evolve. In the meantime, we extend to you our best wishes for an abundance of summertime blessings.

**FOR HELP IN A CRISIS PREGNANCY****Call Diana Hart Mirando itsidi@aol.com (C) 830-5077 (H) 605-1979****ROSELINE LIFE CENTER 24 HOURS 631-243-2373****PROJECT RACHEL WWW.HOPEAFTERABORTION.COM****Baby Safe Haven, Safe Babies, Safe Place at 1 (877) 796-HOPE****Adoption, Foster Care****Maternity Services Catholic Home Bureau****1 (800) 592-4357****NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE 1-800-4-Child or 1 800-422-4453****RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY****50TH ANNIVERSARY OF AMERICA'S FIRST LANDING OF ASTRONAUTS ON THE MOON**

Fifty years ago, July 20, 1969, the first men walked on the moon. Those of us who witnessed it understood what a giant step it was. Following U.S. President John F. Kennedy's challenge in 1962, to put a man on the moon and return him safely to earth before the decade was out, the nation went into high gear, using the efforts of thousands of people to meet that challenge. Seven years later, astronauts Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin transported aboard the Apollo 11 spacecraft, made the first steps on the moon. Even when the U.S.'s great competitor in space, the Russians, were of good cheer with congratulations, confirming the words written on the lunar plaque, which was left behind on the moon. "Here men from the planet Earth first set foot upon the Moon July 1969, A.D. We came in peace for all mankind." To the Moon: Grumman, the company that built Apollo 22's Lunar Module: The Apollo Lunar Module, or the LEM for short, was a highly specialized spacecraft built by Grumman Aircraft Engineering, Bethpage which was designed to land on the lunar surface and return the astronauts to the Command Module in lunar orbit for their trip back to Earth.

On a personal note: I was one of the Grumman employees that worked on the LEM Project in Plant 25, specially built for the Project. Working among engineers and technicians, and situated right outside the office of NASA, I was privileged to witness astronauts coming and going. I was there to see how the space suits were made, lucky enough to go enter the LEM Mockup in Plant 5, and crawl through what these brave men would spend their space travel in. It was no larger than two telephone booths put together. I was given Top Secret clearance, and with it able to witness much of what went into the making of this incredible endeavor. Most of all, watching and sharing the concern and worry these men and women went through as they established together a vehicle that would take, and hopefully return these men safely home.

Many of those that were there, have died or retired, but for me, at 19 years of age, it was an experience filled with honor and privilege. We felt a sense of pride in our country that we were coming together to unite the world, reach out and look up at the moon, and realize, together, we can achieve anything. America, at the time, faced challenges with issues of economic and social justice, opposition to the Vietnam War, and a tortured political scene that saw a President and other leading figures assassinated in the space of five years. Even our president, John F. Kennedy didn't survive to see his dream become a reality.

Today, we face challenges once again. We are a divided country in many respects. We look for hope and a pathway to delivering patriotism back into classrooms and hearts of our people. We once again strive for social justice, and end to war, and peace among us as Americans, and the people of the world. I can tell you, that for a brief moment in time, America came together as we looked to the skies and could only imagine what would be waiting for us that day in 1969. Maybe it was a promise that all of the world would realize that working together we could do anything. Maybe, we will have that opportunity to strive for that once more, as President Trump is planning for a return to the moon in 5 years. What we need now, more than ever, is to join hands as Americans and look toward the good in America, pride in our accomplishments and a future of peace and harmony. No country is without its problems, and those problems surely are a priority. We need to work towards an answer, heal the wounds, and go on united as a people. We can do this, if we remember that respect for life, all life, kindness with words and understanding can take us anywhere, to the moon and beyond.

Diana Hart Mirando, Grumman employee 1963 to 1967

**ST. MARTIN OF TOURS HELP OUR PARISH CLUB (H.O.P.)**

For those who are current members, you will be receiving a letter in the mail within the next week to renew. Membership is \$60 per year. This yearly fund raiser runs from September 1st to August 31st and supports the operating budget of the parish.

The weekly prizes are as follows:

Monday - Thursday	\$25.00
Friday	\$50.00
Third Friday of Every Month	\$250.00
Feast of St. Martin, November 11	Two \$500 prizes
One week before Christmas	One \$500 prize
Last week of August	Two \$1,000 prizes & One \$500 prize

**New members are always welcome to join.**

Every member is assigned a number and each week five numbers are drawn. You are not necessarily required to know your number as we keep tabs on a spreadsheet. Names are published in the bulletin every week and a check is mailed.

Please use the form below for new membership. Of course current members can use it as well, but you will most likely receive a renewal letter in the mail. Thank you for joining the HOP Club!

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**NAME(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE** \_\_\_\_\_

Checks are payable to **St. Martin of Tours HOP Club** in the amount of **\$60.00** for a yearly membership from September 1, 2019 to August 31, 2020.

**You can drop off the form and dues at the rectory or mail to:**

**ST. MARTIN OF TOURS HOP CLUB  
40 SEAMAN AVENUE, BETHPAGE NY 11714**



# 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
- Help at the Block Party - especially kids who need service hours for their confirmation project.

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My Dear Parishioners,

Thank You for the outpouring of love showered upon me at our Farewell Mass. Thank you for your presence, for your cards and words and generous gifts. May the Lord Jesus bless you a hundred-fold for your generosity!

It was a great honor to come here 2 years ago and serve as a Redemptorist. Your warmth and affection was there from day one and I felt very much at home in your presence. And how beautiful to celebrate the Holy Mass with you through these years. As I leave now and take up my new post as Vocation Director in DC, I carry with me your love, kindness and the joy of this faith community. A special thank-you to the parish staff. How I enjoyed your presence each day and the gift of laughter!

Pray for me that the Lord Jesus may lead me to the nurturing seeds of vocations he has planted in men's hearts to our Redemptorist way of life.

May Jesus watch over you.  
May Mary always be your Perpetual Help.  
May it be so!

My love and prayers,  
Fr. Denis

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Aug 5: Charismatic Prayer Group 7:30PM Church
- Aug 5: Holy Face Devotions 1PM Church
- Aug 6, 13, 20 & 27: Eucharistic Adoration 3:00-7:30PM Church
- Aug 14: Vigil of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 7PM
- Aug 15: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 9AM, 12 Noon & 7PM
- Aug 16: PARISH PICNIC 6PM School Grounds
- Aug 20: Padre Pio Holy Hour 7:30PM
- Aug 28: Women's Group 7PM St. Alphonsus Hall

