

# Parish 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



6<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

*"Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors,  
'Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that  
you vow.'" Matthew 5:33*

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 16, 2020**

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**Mon. February 17 - Presidents' Day**

**NO 6:30AM MASS**

9AM Nancy Hoolahan

**Tues. February 18**

6:30AM Joseph Chillino

9AM John J. Jauregui, 11th Anniversary

**Wed. February 19**

6:30AM

9AM Mary Kate Dolan

**Thurs. February 20**

6:30AM

9AM James Francis Courtein

**Fri. February 21 - St. Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor**

6:30AM

9AM Jeffrey Greco

**Sat. February 22 - The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle**

9AM John J. Wolfe, Anniversary

5PM Walter George

**Sun. February 23 - 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30AM The People of the Parish

10AM Kathy Ronan

12PM James O'Connell, Margaret Canepa

Josephine Leone

Donald Osewatt, Birthday Remembrance

5:30PM Jean & Frank Portelli

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Mon. James 1:1-11; Mark 8:11-13

Tues James 1:12-18; Mark 8:14-21

Wed. James 1:19-27; Mark 8:22-26

Thurs. James 2:1-9; Mark 8:27-33

Fri. James 2:14-24, 26; Mark 8:34-9:1

Sat. 1 Peter 5:1-4; Matthew 16:13-19

**Sun. *Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18*** *In Leviticus, the Lord declares his statutes to Moses for the Israelites, calling them to holiness and love.*

***1 Corinthians 3:16-23*** *St. Paul instructs the Corinthians, calling them to holiness as temples of the Holy Spirit.*

***Matthew 5:38-48*** *In Matthew's gospel, Jesus preaches a new standard of love and justice, calling his followers to love their enemies.*

**OUR WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIFT**

February 9th: \$12,624.00

*Thank you for supporting SMT!*



**Bulletin Reflection:** Stewardship involves more than just the gift we bring to the altar. Today's readings say clearly that it is fidelity to God's law that makes our offering acceptable.

**Living Stewardship: Pillar of Prayer**

The first reading today tells us that we have a simple choice: to follow God or not. Sometimes, however, we may not know what God is asking of us or we may be tempted to choose to disobey God. This week, ask the Lord in prayer to show you the way.

***Charismatic Prayer Group***

All of nature is programmed - from the biggest grizzlies to the smallest groundhogs and from the tiny crocuses to the mighty oak trees. We are programmed too. It's called God's plan. But He allows us to follow our own plan. How's that working for you? If you want to align your plan with God's plan, it can all start here!!

**Our next meeting is WEDNESDAY, February 19th at 7:30 pm in the church. No meeting on Monday due to the holiday. Call 516-993-9672 for more information or prayer requests.**

**H.O.P. CLUB WINNERS - CONGRATULATIONS!**

2/10/20	#62	Karen Murphy	\$25
2/11/20	#620	A.&R. Albertson	\$25
2/12/20	#567	Paula Alfarone	\$25
2/13/20	#395	Teresa M. Minett	\$25
2/14/20	#525	Joan Ferraro	\$50



St Mother Theresa  
Outreach Center  
St Martin of Tours  
Parish

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

This week the Pantry can use pancake mix, tuna fish, Jell-O, pudding, sugar, oil, evaporated milk, brownies, tissues, toilet paper, toothpaste, bar soap, conditioner, shampoo.

Thank you for your continued generosity to those in need through your donations to the pantry. God Bless You!!!

**Parish Outreach Food Pantry:**

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



**A Candle Has Been Lit for  
the Healing Intention of  
Stephanie Koster  
February 14 - March 5, 2020  
In honor of St. Jude, the Apostle**

**Sanctuary Candle  
Week of February 16 - 22, 2020  
In Loving Memory of  
John J. Wolfe**



*Rest in the Peace of Christ*

**Evelyn Kranz  
Frances Lampasona**

**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 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. 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, 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, Brian Kevan, Adam May, Barbara Weis, Thomas Fahey, Teri Bunker, Diane Kelly, Andy Lomuscio Baby Dominick, Bridget Lissy, Madison Milio, Patrick Vanacore, Mary Jane Pendl, Edison Esposito, Gene Stasiuk, Carlo Ruggiero Rose Kuhn, Francis & Kathleen Meehan, John Krahn, Bucky Montgomery, Steve Lazzara, Bob Hoffman, Stephanie Koster, Maria Panno Carolyn Smith, Margaret Pehrsson



## *The Pastor's Letter*

### **Archbishop John Carroll's Prayer for Government** *Composed for the Inauguration of George Washington*

We pray you, O God of might, wisdom, and justice,  
 through whom authority is rightly administered,  
 laws are enacted, and judgment decreed,  
 assist with your Holy Spirit of counsel and fortitude  
 the President of these United States,  
 that his administration may be conducted in righteousness,  
 and be eminently useful to your people, over whom he presides;  
 by encouraging due respect for virtue and religion;  
 by a faithful execution of the laws in justice and mercy;  
 and by restraining vice and immorality.

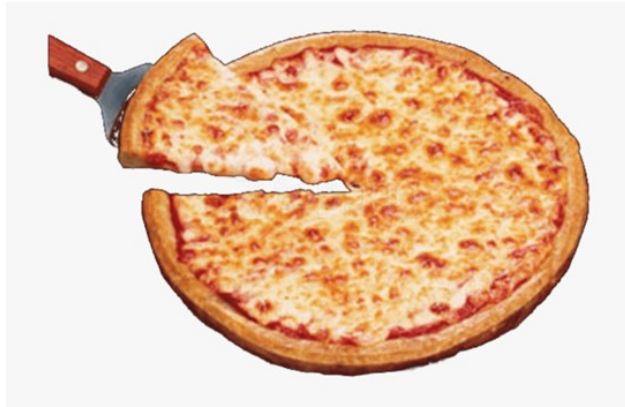
Let the light of your divine wisdom direct  
 the deliberations of Congress,  
 and shine forth in all the proceedings and laws  
 framed for our rule and government,  
 so that they may tend to the preservation of peace,  
 the promotion of national happiness,  
 the increase of industry, sobriety, and useful knowledge;  
 and may perpetuate to us the blessing of equal liberty.

We pray for the governor of this state,  
 for the members of the assembly,  
 for all judges, magistrates, and other officers  
 who are appointed to guard our political welfare,  
 that they may be enabled, by your powerful protection,  
 to discharge the duties of their respective stations  
 with honesty and ability.

We recommend likewise, to your unbounded mercy,  
 all our fellow citizens throughout the United States,  
 that we may be blessed in the knowledge  
 and sanctified in the observance of your most holy law;  
 that we may be preserved in union,  
 and in that peace which the world cannot give;  
 and after enjoying the blessings of this life,  
 be admitted to those which are eternal.  
 Grant this, we beseech you, O Lord of mercy,  
 through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

**Father Christopher Costigan, Pastor**  
[fathercostigan@gmail.com](mailto:fathercostigan@gmail.com)      [www.smtbethpage.org](http://www.smtbethpage.org)

# Lenten Family Pizza Night



Friday, March 6th

6:30PM

St. Alphonsus Hall

\$10 per family

Craft/Activities for the Kids  
Talk for Adults with Father Vin  
Sacrament of Reconciliation  
*Parent must stay.*

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Please return to the Rectory Office - Attention: Father Vin  
no later than Tuesday, March 3rd

FAMILY NAME \_\_\_\_\_

# of Kids \_\_\_\_\_ # of Adults \_\_\_\_\_

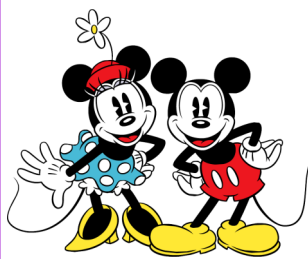
Please include \$10 cash or check payable to St. Martin of Tours.  
Please write *Family Night* on the memo line.

**ST. MARTIN OF TOURS YOUTH MINISTRY UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **May 2:** Disney Raffle and Silent Auction. These events will help defray the cost of our teens who will be going to the Steubenville NYC Catholic Youth Conference July 24 - 26.
- **May 9 & 10:** Mothers' Day Carnation Sale

For the Silent Auction, the Youth Ministry would appreciate donations of gift cards for items such as movie tickets, restaurants, etc. or baskets of cheer, lottery tickets, or themed baskets (ex. summer fun, holiday themes, baby items). All items must be new.

Ticket sales for the Disney Raffle can be bought after all weekend Masses and in the rectory during the week.



**Ticket Cost:** \$25 each  
**First Prize:** Disney gift cards totaling \$3,000  
**Second Prize:** \$1,000 cash  
**Third Prize:** \$500 cash  
**Drawing Date:** Saturday, May 2, 2020

These fundraisers help support our Youth Ministry and our Parish!  
We invite all high school students to join us at Mass every Sunday at 5:30PM usually with a meeting to follow. We are looking forward to a successful year ahead and are very excited to help bring our teens closer to Christ.

In Christ Jesus,  
 Merry McVey-Noble, Youth Minister, Liam Gordon, Life Teen Music Ministry  
 and the Youth Ministry Core Members




**Saturday, February 22, 2020**

St. Frances de Chantal  
 Parish Center - Smulski Room  
 1300 Wantagh Ave. Wantagh, NY  
**beginning promptly at noon**

**MARDI GRAS PRAYER SERVICE & BRUNCH**  
**for adults with special needs**  
**12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.**  
**Cost: \$15 Per Person**  
**Reservations & pre-payment**  
**are necessary for this event!**  
**In case of cancellation**  
**no refund will be given.**  
**Visit [drvc-faith.org/events/](http://drvc-faith.org/events/)**  
**for more information and to register**

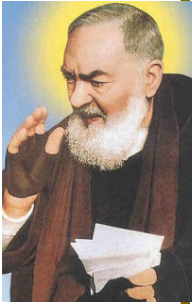
Please contact the Rectory Office at 931-0818 to request a statement of your contributions for Tax Year 2019.



**Padre Pio Holy Hour**

Please join us on Tuesday February 18th at 7:30 PM in the Eucharistic Chapel for the Padre Pio Holy Hour.

His first and second class relics will be venerated.



**ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES, SERVICES & CONFESSIONS SCHEDULE**



- 6:30am Mass with confessions to follow
- 9:00am Mass with confessions to follow
- 12:00pm Liturgy of the Word with confessions to follow
- 4:00pm Liturgy of the Word with confessions to follow
- 7:00pm Mass with confessions to follow



**T**he Liturgy of the Hours, also known as the Divine Office or the Work of God (*Opus Dei*), is the daily prayer of the Church, marking the hours of each day and sanctifying the day with prayer. The Hours are a meditative dialogue on the mystery of Christ, using scripture and prayer.

At times the dialogue is between the Church or individual soul and God; at times it is a dialogue among the members of the Church; and at times it is even between the Church and the world. The Divine Office "is truly the voice of the Bride herself addressed to her Bridegroom. It is the very prayer which Christ himself together with his Body addresses to the Father." **Everyone is invited to pray every weekday during Lent beginning Monday March 2nd at 8:30 a.m. prior to the 9 a.m. Mass.**

ST. MARTIN OF TOURS SPORTS WINTER CLINIC REGISTRATION

We are welcoming children from 2 years old to 2nd grade. The WINTER CLINIC begins Sunday, January 19, 2020 to Sunday March 29, 2020 so come down to the school auditorium after the 10AM Family Mass.

Child's Information (please print):

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

M / F Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Circle Grade: 2 years + up Kindergarten First Second

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ Town: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Attending Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address (please print)

As parent or guardian, I assume all the risks and hazards incidental or associated with such participation including all activities, contests and practices. I hereby waive, release and absolve indemnity and agree to hold harmless the Diocese of Rockville Centre and St. Martin of Tours Church & Parish, Bethpage NY 11714.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_



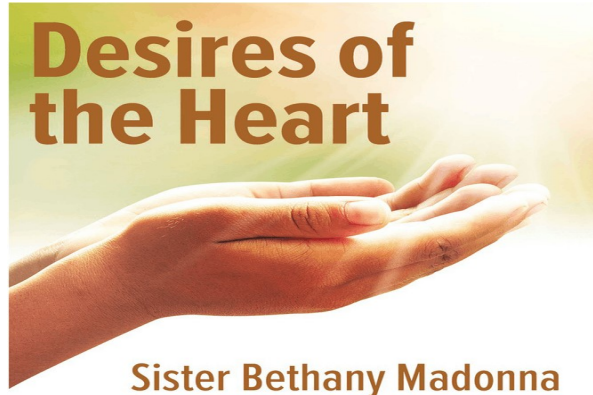
**FORMED FOR ADULTS**

**Peter and the Keys - the Primacy of the Church**

What are the "keys of the kingdom" and why are they so important to understanding Peter's role in the Church? Dr. Tim Gray takes us back to the Old Testament and the significance of the imagery the keys had to the office of the prime minister in the kingdom of King David. From there we can see how Jesus was restoring and perfecting both the kingdom and its offices in his Church.

**Desires of the Heart: Receiving the Gifts of the Father  
by Sr. Bethany Madonna**

Sister Bethany Madonna, vocations director for the Sisters of Life, shares how God not only wants us to know him, but also to give us the desires of our heart and gifts that bring purpose, meaning, and hope. She makes it clear that "receiving is the gift that we give" to the Lord and that he wants to be invited into every aspect of our lives. Speaking from her own life experience, Sister Bethany shows the importance of asking in order to receive all the Lord has in mind for us.



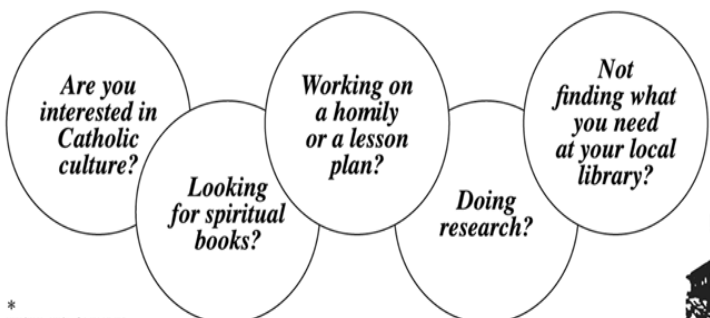
**MERCY AND MARY RETREAT**

**REGISTER NOW** as these retreats book up very fast!

The best selling author of *33 Days to Morning Glory*, Father Michael Gaitley, MIC, is coming to Long Island! He will be at St. Patrick R.C. Church in Bay Shore on *Friday August 7th from 7:15PM to 8:15PM* and *Saturday August 8th from 7:30AM - 4:00PM*.

*Save the Date*

Go to [events.marianmissionaries.org](http://events.marianmissionaries.org); scroll down then click on the rectangular box showing St. Patrick, Bay Shore; scroll down to the bottom until you see the register and click on the ticket quantity (\$49.95). Any further questions, please leave a message at the Rectory for Rita.



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**Special Needs: Mardi Gras Prayer Service and Brunch**  
**St. Frances de Chantal, Wantagh**  
 Saturday, February 22, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Basic Religious Studies Course Series**  
**St. Mary's Elementary School Building, Manhasset**  
 3:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.  
**Old Testament**  
 Mondays, February 24; March 2, 9, 16, and 23, 2020  
**New Testament**  
 Mondays, March 30; April 6, 20, 27; and May 4, 2020  
**Christology**  
 Mondays, May 11, 18; June 1, 8, and 15, 2020

**Divorce & Beyond Support Group**  
**St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Melville**  
 Wednesdays, March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1, 15, 22, 29, May 6, 13, 2020  
 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

**School of Missionary Disciples – Lenten Experience**  
**Seminary of Immaculate Conception, Huntington**  
 Sunday, March 8, 2020 at 1:45 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Retreat Day for the Elect of 2020**  
**Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Huntington**  
 Sunday, March 8, 2020  
 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 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 –**  
*For the Bereaved and those Ministering to them.*  
**St. Frances de Chantal, Wantagh**  
 Saturday, March 21, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**Wonderfully Made Mother and Daughter Tea**  
**Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, Roosevelt**  
 Sunday, March 22, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
 Or  
**St. James, Setauket- East Setauket**  
 Sunday, March 29, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
 Or  
**St. Rosalie, Hampton Bays**  
 Sunday, April 19, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Bereavement Ministry Facilitator Training Level I & II**  
**St. Bernard, Levittown**  
 Saturdays, 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.

**Golden Wedding Anniversary Liturgy**  
**Saint Patrick's, Smithtown**  
 Sunday, May 3, 2020  
 2:00 p.m.

**Annual Afternoon of Prayer & Enrichment - Ministry of Consolation**  
**St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Melville**  
 Thursday, May 14, 2020  
 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**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.

Fr Alphonse Louis Olive, C.Ss.R. and Fr Michael Cunningham, C.Ss.R. are leading a pilgrimage called **Footsteps of St. Paul - 13 Days; The Seven Churches and Crete: Athens, Crete, Heraklion, Meteora, Kalambaka, Thessaloniki, Kavala, Canakkale, Izmir, Pamukkale, Kusadasi, Patmos & Piraeus.**

The date is October 1 - 13, 2020 leaving from New York (JFK) at a cost of \$4,090 all inclusive (except lunches). You will find a few brochures including a reservation form on the information table in the gathering area.

You can also register and pay directly on the website [www.LPJP.ORG](http://www.LPJP.ORG).

Or contact Mrs. LeAnn Brand, PO Box 2015, Lawrenceville GA 30046.

Toll free: 1-833-910-1545 or [gasales@lpjp.org](mailto:gasales@lpjp.org)

A new ministry called Partners in Mission had their first meeting last Wednesday.

If you are interested to know more about it, contact Lucy McNamara at [smtpartnersinmission@gmail.com](mailto:smtpartnersinmission@gmail.com).



**BULLETIN NOTICE:**

**Gentlemen!**

**The next meeting of the SMT Men's Club is here-with put before you for Thurs, February 27th at 7:15PM in the St. Alphonsus Library Room.**

**(stogies not an option!)**

**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. *May the Lord bless the women at Mommas House for choosing LIFE.*



*For more information, call 516 781-8637  
or go to the website: [www.mommashouse.org](http://www.mommashouse.org)*

**DRVC GOLDEN WEDDING  
ANNIVERSARY LITURGY**



**This Spring, couples who have been married fifty years will be honored at a *Mass on Sunday, May 3, 2020 at St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church in Smithtown. Mass will begin at 2:00 p.m. with Bishop Robert J. Coyle presiding.***

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

**Father Sylvester Ileka to lead a Medical Mission to Nigeria in September 2020**

Father Sylvester will be among clergy and medical professionals helping the people at the Fatima Hospital, Awka-Etiti, Anambra State, Nigeria. They are in desperate need of medicine and medical supplies. Among the diseases suffered in this part of the world are anemia, arthritis, colds, diabetes, ear, nose and throat infections, flu, headache, hypertension, malaria, typhoid fever, ulcers and worms.



Monetary donations, no matter how small would be used to purchase the most needed supplies from blood pressure machines to glucose monitors to tongue depressors. About 1,000 people will be served. Father would welcome anyone who would want to join him in this mission of mercy. You can email or call him at 931-0818 ilekasylvester@gmail.com or Denise Henderson at lovable624@yahoo.com. **Any donation payable to St. Martin of Tours would be much appreciated. Please write Nigeria Mission in the memo line. Thank you!**

SAINT ANTHONY'S ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESENTS



**AN AFTERNOON OF  
CELTIC MUSIC**  
A BENEFIT FOR SAINT ANTHONY'S CELTIC PIPE BAND

**SUNDAY MARCH 1**  
SAINT ANTHONY'S HIGH SCHOOL  
AUDITORIUM @ 2PM

**FEATURING:**

- SAINT ANTHONY'S CELTIC PIPE BAND
- SAINT ANTHONY'S IRISH STEP DANCING TEAM
- SINGERS NOEL AND NANCY

**TICKETS**  
PRE-PAID \$20  
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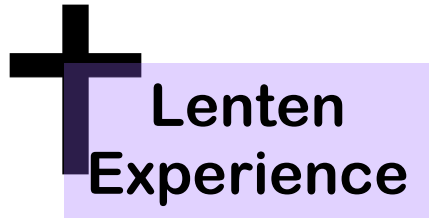

St. Martin of Tours  
Lenten Soup Supper  
Wednesday  
March 18, 2020



More info in future issues.

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# Lenten Experience

**Sunday, March 8, 2020**

Seminary of the Immaculate Conception  
440 W. Neck Road, Huntington NY 11743  
Afternoon Prayer in the Main Chapel at 1:45 p.m.  
The day will end at 4:30 p.m.

Come join us for this Lenten Prayer where we will share scripture and listen to the testimonies of those who have participated in School of Missionary Disciples. This event is designed for those who would like to know more about the School of Missionary Disciples starting in September 2020.

**There is no fee for this event. Registration is required.**  
Register at <https://conta.cc/2RzZD1i>



Fr. Declan, is the Regional Superior of the Missionaries of the Most Holy Eucharist, based in the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington.

If you are interested in the Pilgrimage to Medjugorje, you will find a planning guide and registration on the information table in the gathering area.

**Please note that the registration deposit is due by March 10th and final payment by April 13, 2020.**

You can also visit [www.mostholyeucharist.com](http://www.mostholyeucharist.com).



**Monday, February 17th, there is no 6:30AM Mass.**

The Rectory is closed in observance of Presidents' Day.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

Some parishioners have asked about International Night. Unfortunately, due to time constraints, we have decided to forgo it this year. However, next year we are planning to bring it back!

# The Alpha Course



ALPHA 2020 will begin on Wednesday, March 11th

More information will follow in the next issue!

## ALPHA COFFEE SUNDAY



The Alpha Team will be hosting on Sunday, February 23rd in St. Alphon-sus Hall between the 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. All are welcome!



### CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER OF LI

A Pre-Canva 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](http://www.engagedencounterli.org)



### Divine Mercy Novena

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

**Divorced or Separated Catholics of Long Island Including widows, widowers and singles**  
A social organization for single persons  
New Member Orientation Meeting  
**Tuesday, February 18th at 7:30PM**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #6526**  
1869 Wantagh Avenue, Wantagh 11793  
(parking in the rear of the building)

Non-denominational - ALL ARE WELCOME - Please bring proof of single status to join. Annual dues are \$30. Refreshments following the meeting. For more info, please call Carol at 516-794-4933.

### Holy Family Parish (O'Dea Center) BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP



Bereavement Support

“CRAZY” is normal for those suffering the loss of a loved one. Please consider joining an evening Bereavement Support Group with trained facilitators.

The group will meet for eight *Wednesday evenings*, beginning March 11<sup>th</sup> at Holy Family Parish (O'Dea Center), 17 Fordham Ave., Hicksville.

#### PRE-REGISTRATION NECESSARY

CALL Sister Carol, 516-938-3846x331 by March 2<sup>nd</sup> for more information.

**NEW YORK DOCTORS REFUSE TO ABANDON PATIENTS AT RALLY AGAINST ASSISTED SUICIDE**

**Albany, N.Y. Feb 5, 2020 CATHOLIC NEWS AGENCY:** A group of doctors and advocates against suicide gathered at the NYS capitol on Tuesday, Feb. 4th to oppose efforts to legalize ASSISTED SUICIDE IN OUR STATE. The MEDICAL AID IN DYING ACT, or S.3947/A.2694 was introduced in the state assembly and state senate in 2019. Both the assembly and senate versions of the bill are currently at the committee stage. "We are not isolated, self-sufficient individuals. Every human being is part of huge network of relationships with others," said Dr. John O'Brien, a family practitioner from Central New York who attended the event. "How physicians respond to the patient's request for the life-ending drugs can have a profound effect on the patient's choices, as well as on their view of themselves and their inherent worth." "Physician-assisted suicide does not end the hurt, it just transfers it to another person," said O'Brien. "I refuse to abandon my patients at a time when they need me the most."

Dr. Mary-ellen Edmiston, a palliative care specialist from Syracuse said that instead of ADVANCING ASSISTED SUICIDE, New York should instead move to FURTHER ASSIST PEOPLE WHO ARE IN THE LAST DAYS OF THEIR LIVES. "No patient should have to spend their final days in pain and torment and with the medical resources now available to us, no one has to," she said. These resources include medications and "ultimately the choice of palliative sedation for when symptoms become unmanageable and unbearable." "There are alternatives to unrelenting suffering, alternatives involving a variety of treatments to ensure that our patients do not have only two limited choices: on the one hand, dying in agony, or alternatively, a physician-assisted suicide, meaning a death by their own, and their physician's hands."

Dr. Gregory Weston, an infectious disease physician from NYC, also spoke about the importance of palliative care, as well as the discriminatory nature of assisted suicide. "Many disability advocacy groups oppose doctor assisted suicide," he said. "To understand why, consider the reason that doctor assisted suicide is not proposed for young, healthy, and strong people - it is because everyone seems to agree that no reasonable young, healthy, and strong person should consider her life no longer worth living."

Weston remarked that "there will be a financial incentive for any insurer to make it more DIFFICULT TO PAY FOR EXPENSIVE TREATMENTS and urging patients to opt for DEATH INSTEAD. Decreased access to therapy is more likely to affect poor and uninsured people," he said.

The press conference was organized by the NY Alliance Against Assisted Suicide, which describes itself as "an informal association of many diverse organizations, institutions, agencies and individuals in NY State committed to preventing the legalization of assisted suicide in the state. They include representatives of the following communities: disability rights, patients' rights, health care, hospice care, civil rights, senior rights and various faith-based advocacy organizations.

Please take a moment to write, email, text or call your local representative, along with Governor Cuomo about this most serious and urgent proposal.

**FOR HELP IN A CRISIS PREGNANCY**

Call Diana Hart Mirando [itsidi@aol.com](mailto:itsidi@aol.com) (C) 830-5077 (H) 605-1979

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**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**

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Feb 17: Presidents' Day - No 6:30AM Mass - Rectory Office is closed
- Feb 18: Eucharistic Adoration 3PM - 7:30PM Eucharistic Chapel
- Feb 18: Padre Pio Holy Hour 7:30PM Eucharistic Chapel
- Feb 19: Women's Group 7PM Sr. Alphonsus Hall
- Feb 19: Charismatic Prayer Group 7:30PM Church
- Feb 23: Alpha Coffee Sunday 8:30AM-1:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Feb 26: Ash Wednesday **Masses:** 6:30AM, 9AM & 7PM & **Prayer Services:** 12 Noon & 4PM
- Feb 27: Men's Group 7:15PM St. Alphonsus Hall Library Room
- Mar 6: Lenten Family Pizza Night 6:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Mar 18: Parish Soup Supper 6 - 8PM School Cafeteria

