

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, 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

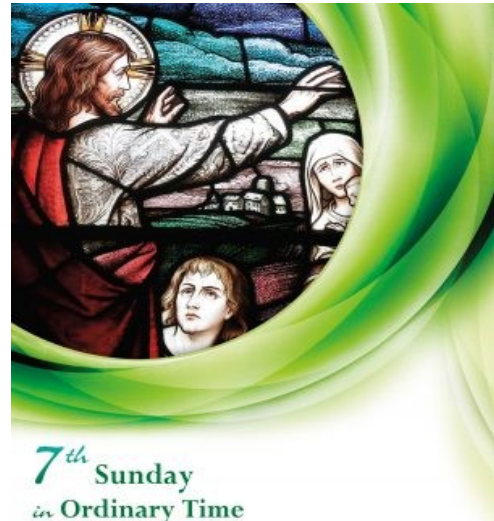
Every Saturday at 2PM

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



"Love your enemies, and pray for those who
persecute you." Matt 5:44

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 23, 2020

ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Masses at: 6:30AM, 9AM & 7PM
Prayer Services at: 12 Noon & 4PM

MASSES FOR THE WEEK**Mon. February 24**

6:30AM Marty Laraia & Kathleen Smith
9AM

Tues. February 25

6:30AM
9AM Henry Soluk

Wed. February 26 - Ash Wednesday

6:30AM Mass/Confession
9AM Christopher Rochford, Birthday Remembrance
Mass/Confession
12 Noon Liturgy of the Word/Confession
4:00PM Liturgy of the Word/Confession
7PM Mass/Confession

Thurs. February 27

6:30AM
9AM

Fri. February 28

6:30AM
9AM

Sat. February 29

9AM Joseph & Matilda Dolan
5PM Patrick Hopkins
Birthday & Anniversary Remembrance

Sun. March 1 - First Sunday of Lent

7:30AM Dr. Hipolito Antiporda
10AM Pat McMahon
12PM John O'Sullivan, Terri Foley Smith
Sarah, Patrick & Pdraig McCann
Sean, Pauline & Barry McCann
5:30PM The People of the Parish

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. James 3:13-18; Mark 9:14-29
Tues James 4:1-10; Mark 9:30-37
Wed. Joel 2:12-18; 2 Cor. 5:20-6:2; Matt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thurs. Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Luke 9:22-25
Fri. Isaiah 58:1-9a; Matthew 9:14-15
Sat. Isaiah 58:9b-14; Luke 5:27-32
Sun. Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7 *The woman and her husband eat fruit from the tree of life, and realize they are naked.*

Romans 5:12-19 *Paul reassures us that God's grace surpasses any of our sins.*

Matthew 4:1-11 *The devil tempts Jesus while he is in the desert, but Jesus says to him, Get away, Satan! And the devil leaves him.*

OUR WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIFT

February 16th: \$12,616.20

Thank you for supporting SMT!



Bulletin Reflection: The readings for this week are about loving others, no matter who they are. However, it is important to note that loving someone does not require that you love their sin. Also, the first reading stresses the difference between reproofing someone for their sin, and falling into sin yourself "because of him." There is a middle ground between hatred and celebrating someone's sinfulness.

Living Stewardship: Pillar of Hospitality

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us to love those who hate us. The reward for doing so, according to Our Lord, is great! This week refrain from speaking ill of anyone, no matter what they have done to you. Be hospitable to people that make it very difficult to be hospitable!

Charismatic Prayer Group

What are your storms made of? We all know the gospel about how Jesus calmed the storm. He's still calming storms today. But storms are not just wind and rain. Your storm could be illness, addiction, anger, depression, loneliness, bills or anything else that pulls you down under the waves. Call out to Jesus just as the apostles did. If you need help we are here.

Our next meeting is Monday, February 24th at 7:30PM in the church. Call 516-993-9672 for more information or prayer requests.

H.O.P. CLUB WINNERS - CONGRATULATIONS!

2/17/20	#523	Barbara Pirone	\$25
2/18/20	#637	C. & J. Sullivan	\$25
2/19/20	#507	M. & J. Bissonnette	\$25
2/20/20	#440	Erin Molloy	\$25
2/21/20	#74	Bob Collins	\$250



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 23 - 29, 2020
In Loving Memory of
Roy Weaver**



Rest in the Peace of Christ

**Dawn Aschauser
Anthony Rosalia**

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, 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 Connolly, 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, Daniel Harrington, Bob Amato Barbara Gula, John Prentice

The Pastor's Letter



"Be holy, for I, the Lord, your God, am holy!" As we prepare to enter into the holy season of Lent this Wednesday, today's Scripture readings are a good starting point for coming up with a personal Lenten plan. What do each of us have to do to grow in holiness? Let's do some real self-examination and come up with one or a few real areas of our lives in which we can use some work. And then, let's formulate a real and concrete plan to make some real changes that will lead to real growth in holiness. Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount is challenging the people to do more, to make progress, to not settle for the bare minimum when it comes to the Law. "You have heard it said...but I say." Jesus doesn't take away the Law but rather tells the people they can do more and they can do better! What are the areas or aspects of life in which you and I can do better? Are there areas in which we settle for the minimum or set a low bar? We need to strive for holiness and sanctity, not just getting by or doing enough! There is always room to grow and progress to make. Don't go into Lent with a bland, generic goal of "being a better person." Find a specific way in which you need to be better and do some real, concrete work to be better!

We can only grow in holiness relying on the love, grace, and mercy of God. Make this Lenten season a time of growth in prayer and reliance on the sacraments of the Church. Avail yourself of the sacraments and sacramentals of the Church. In particular, make a real and concrete effort to make the Sunday Mass the true source and summit of your week and your life. Remember, worshipping God at Mass each Sunday does not make you a good Catholic. It's the minimum and the essential way we live out our faith!

Remember, this season of Lent leads us to the celebration of the Paschal Triduum--the days of Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection. When we focus on Jesus on the Cross, whether on Good Friday, praying the Stations of the Cross on Fridays in the parish or privately, or any private meditation on the Cross, we see the visible sign of the love and mercy of God. The Cross is the "picture" of Jesus's complete and total self-giving for each of us. The cross is the definition of love. Jesus did that for you and me. Lent isn't about finding ways to condemn ourselves. Lent (and really the whole of the Christian life) is about finding ways to love more--to give more of ourselves over to God and to others. We've all fallen short of being able to love God and others *completely*. That's why he has provided us with grace and time to continue to make progress and grow in holiness and relationship with God and others. Each and every one of us is loved by God. Each and every one of us is already answering that love back to God and sharing it with others. But all of us can grow.

Please see the Ash Wednesday schedule in the bulletin and on the parish website. There will be ashes available in the Sunday sacristy *following* each Mass or Liturgy of the Word to take to the homebound. Priests will be available for confession after each Mass and Liturgy on Ash Wednesday. Remember our parish has scheduled confession times each day of the week. We also join with every parish in the Diocese of Rockville Centre, Diocese of Brooklyn, and Archdiocese of New York in having confessions the Monday of Holy Week from 3pm to 9pm.

We will pray Morning Prayer of the Church each Monday to Friday at 8:30am before the 9:00am Mass. Stations of the Cross will be prayed on Friday evenings. We will have Evenings of Prayer on the Wednesdays of Lent (we're still working out the details). There will be a night for Families on March 6, as well as a Soup Supper.

Please stay tuned to the bulletin, website, and app for other prayer, service, and social opportunities during this Holy Season. Our parish, neighboring parishes, the Diocese, as well as great resources like FORMED can help you have a fruitful Lenten season, but it only works if you put in the time and effort.

Father Christopher Costigan, Pastor
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29th Annual Bethpage St. Patrick's Parade



Honoring John McTigue
2020 Grand Marshal

Sunday March 1, 2020

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

12:00PM Mass- St. Martin of Tours
1:00PM Parade begins - Central Avenue
Stewart - Burkhardt - Broadway
2:00PM Ceremony Honoring 2020 Grand Marshal
John McTigue at the Showmobile
2:00PM Reception immediately following
St. Martin of Tours Auditorium & Cafeteria



The Bethpage St. Patrick's Parade Committee wishes
to acknowledge and thank the following donors for
supporting the 2020 parade

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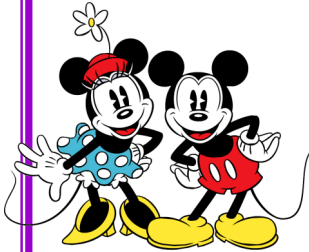
Friends of Saint Patrick Parade Gold: Sabina Anselmo, Betty Croan, Kevin McCabe, Thomas Enright

Friends of Saint Patrick Silver: Mr & Mrs John Castle, Jim & Dorothy Duke, Ray & Lisa Haller, Mildred Kestler, Kathy & Bob McCormick, Legistator Rose Walker, Maureen Minett, Maureen O'Brien, Barbara Rusch, Mr & Mrs Silk, Mr & Mrs Ray Landers, Assemblyman, Michael Montesano, Mr John Masino, Mrs Dorothy Rode, Mrs Francis B. Looney

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



February 26 - April 5

40 Days for Life campaign comes to Nassau, Suffolk, this Lent

40 Days for Life is an internationally coordinated campaign that aims to end abortion locally through prayer and fasting, community outreach, and peaceful all-day vigils in

front of abortion businesses. In the Diocese of Rockville Centre, vigils will be held at Planned Parenthood centers in Smithtown and Hempstead. All are invited to pray at opening kick-off Masses this weekend and to consider becoming involved in this initiative.

Hempstead

On Saturday, February 22nd, a kick-off Mass will be celebrated at St. Ladislaus Catholic Church, 8 Richardson Place, Hempstead, at 9 a.m. Fathers Liam McDonald & Fidelis Moscinski, CFR, will celebrate. Following Mass there will be a pro-life talk by Robert and Kristi Koller and a Pro Bikers for Life video presentation. Then there will be a short procession to Planned Parenthood on Fulton Avenue for a prayerful witness with the Rosary. During the 40 days of Lent, vigil hours will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily at 540 Fulton Ave, Hempstead. For more information or to sign up for vigil hours contact: Hempstead40days@aol.com or visit 40daysforlife.com/Hempstead

Smithtown

On Sunday, February 23rd a kick-off Mass will be celebrated at St. Patrick's Church, 280 East Main Street, Smithtown, at 5 p.m., followed by fellowship in Canning Hall. Vigil hours during Lent will be 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Planned Parenthood, 70 Maple Avenue, Smithtown. For more information or to sign up for vigil hours contact: 40dfsmithtown@gmail.com or visit 40daysforlife.com/Smithtown *Anyone who is not able to participate in a vigil is asked to consider fasting and praying for life with friends and family at your local parish and/or at home.*

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



The 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 _____

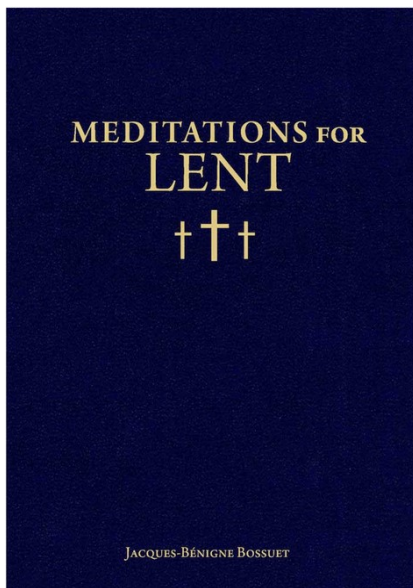
Father's Name _____ Cell _____

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

Meditations for Lent by Jacques-Bénigne Bossuet

Even three hundred years ago, believers found it difficult to sustain for forty days the proper Lenten spirit. That's why even then, countless Christians turned to the writings of Bishop Jacques-Bénigne Bossuet (1627-1704), whose great piety and simple eloquence won him renown as one of the greatest preachers of his time. From Bishop Bossuet's sermons and spiritual writings, believers drew ever greater Lenten wisdom and strength.

Now translator Christopher Blum has selected from Bishop Bossuet's voluminous works fifty brief but remarkably powerful meditations that complement the daily readings at Mass during the Lenten season, thus offering to us the perfect companion for a thoughtful and fruitful Lent.

If you read and meditate briefly on just one of them each day in Lent, I guarantee that this good French bishop's eloquence will soon have you not merely remembering the events of Christ's journey to His Crucifixion; it will have you spiritually walking with Him on that journey, which is precisely what we are called to do in Lent!

With Bossuet, this Lent you will find yourself saying, "O Jesus! I present myself to you to make my journey in your company. O my Savior, receive your traveler! Here I am ready, holding on to nothing. Let me go with You to the Father." That's the fire that should burn in the heart of all Christians. This Lent, let Bishop Bossuet enkindle it in yours.

The following students from our parish have received Honor Roll certificates for the 2nd Quarter at St. Anthony's High School: Meghan Cronin, Melissa Cunningham, Michael Fitzgerald and Emily Riggins

The following students from our parish have received Honor Roll for the 2nd Quarter at Holy Trinity Diocesan High School: Bryson Kluth and Nicholas Lafalce.

Congratulations to each one of you!

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.*

Go to 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.



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.

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

Toll free: 1-833-910-1545 or gasaes@lpjp.org



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*

**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. If you have any questions you may call (516) 678-5800, extension 223.

Fr. Sylvester Ileka to lead a Medical Mission to Nigeria in September 2020

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!



**THE PILGRIM
VIRGIN STATUE OF
ST. MARTIN OF TOURS**

Pope Francis has entrusted the year 2020 to Our Lady. It is our Blessed Mother's request that we pray the Rosary daily for Peace in the World.

Kindly welcome Mary into your home to join you in prayer.

Call Sheila 516 – 396 - 1471 for more information



Lenten Meal
**St. Martin of Tours
Lenten Soup Supper
Wednesday
March 18, 2020
6PM - 8PM
School Cafeteria**

Please call Pat Ricci at 796-1320 to make soup or volunteer. Leftovers are brought to the homebound & the sick.



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

ALPHA IS HOSTING COFFEE SUNDAY

After the 7:30AM, 10AM & 12 Noon Masses this Sunday, Alpha will be in St. Alphonsus Hall serving refreshments. They will also answer any questions you may have on the Alpha Course. Page 12 has for more info.



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!

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



The Alpha Course

ALPHA 2020 begins Wednesday, March 11th



Lent is a time to open the doors of our hearts a little wider and understand our Lord a little deeper so that when Good Friday and eventually Easter come, it is not just another day at church, but an opportunity to receive the overflowing graces God has to offer.

ALPHA can be a wonderful tool to deepen your Lenten experience. ALPHA offers people the opportunity to grow in their personal relationship with our Lord - an ongoing journey. For most of us our journey started with our baptism and continued in our family and in our religious education. If it has been a while since you took time to grow in your faith, ALPHA is a wonderful opportunity to do just that.

Perhaps you have a friend or family member who has fallen away from the church for whatever reason. ALPHA is designed to offer them the first steps back in a loving, non-threatening environment. Now is the time to invite them to ALPHA. It's a good idea to join them at least for the first couple of sessions, just to ease any nervousness.

The ALPHA evening starts with dinner followed by a very interesting, light-hearted video. After the video, there is an opportunity to discuss the its content and ask questions.

So, join us for dinner and a video starting **Wednesday, March 11th from 7pm till 9pm in St. Alphonsus Parish Hall. We do need an RSVP** in order to prepare enough food.

For more information or to RSVP: AlphaSMOT@gmail.com or text/call 516-672-2118.

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DRVC SCHOOL OF MISSIONARY DISCIPLES

Encountering Christ Through the Joy of the Gospel

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>

RESPECT LIFE
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FORTY DAYS FOR LIFE: THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF ABORTION www.respectlife.drvc.org
THE DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE OFFICE OF HUMAN LIFE - FAMILY - & BIOETHICS

"AND WHATEVER YOU DO, WHETHER IN WORD OR DEED, DO IT ALL IN THE NAME OF THE LORD JESUS, GIVING THANKS TO GOD THE FATHER THROUGH HIM. (Col. 3.17).

40 DAYS FOR LIFE is an international coordinated 40 Day Campaign that aims to end abortion through prayer and fasting, community outreach. PRO-BIKERS FOR LIFE will be sponsoring a 40 DAY FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN on Long Island from FEBRUARY 26 TO APRIL 5 IN HEMPSTEAD.

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN OTHER CHRISTIANS IN PEACEFULLY PRAYING FOR THE UNBORN - A 40-DAY VIGIL OUTSIDE PLANNED PARENTHOOD LOCATED AT 540 FULTON AVE., HEMPSTEAD, NY 11550
 The Vigil takes place 7 DAYS A WEEK, BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8AM - 5 PM. EMAIL: Hempstead40days@aol.com.

With God's help, here are the proven results in 6,742 local campaigns, 61 Nations & 855 Cities: 16,742 babies saved from abortion: 196 abortion workers quit: 104 abortion centers closed.

KICK OFF is FEBRUARY 22, SATURDAY AT 9AM: OPENING MASS FOR LIFE AT ST. LADISLAUS CATHOLIC CHURCH, 18 RICHARDSON PL., HEMPSTEAD, NY 11550. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Liam McDonald & Fr. Fidelis Moscinski, CFR.

THERE WILL BE A PRO-LIFE TALK BY ROBERT & KRISTI KOLLER with a VIDEO FOLLOWING. AFTERWARDS, THERE WILL BE A SHORT PROCESSION TO PLANNED PARENTHOOD, HEMPSTEAD, FOR A WITNESS AND ROSARY. Please take an hour or so of your time to stand and pray for these young women and men and their babies, that they may hear our prayers and make the choice of life for their child.

THE MISSIONARY IMAGE OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE VISITS LONG ISLAND AND NYC FEBRUARY 21-APRIL 20.

Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared in Mexico as the pregnant Mother of God to St. Juan Diego, a Chicemeca Indian, on December 9, 10 and 12, 1531. She left a Miraculous Image of her appearance on his tilma (cloak) which still exists today for all to see in the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City. The Missionary Images of Our Lady of Guadalupe are the only four images in the world commissioned by the Basilica Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City to journey as Missionary Images on a Mission in the New Evangelization to bring conversions and a Culture of Life and Civilization of Love, for which St. John Paul II prayed. He also named Our Lady of Guadalupe as the Star of The New Evangelization. Her presence that is brought with the Missionary Image will be on Long Island and New York City and available for prayer and veneration.

For more information: www.respectlife.drvc.org.

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 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



Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Encounter Jesus by setting aside time for fasting, almsgiving, repentance and deep prayer. Jesus comes into our lives, asks us to listen and obey him, and then sends us out on mission. Let us be Christ to the World!

ASH WEDNESDAY

Masses: 6:30AM, 9AM, 7PM - Confession to follow after each Mass.

Liturgy of the Word: 12PM & 4PM - Confession to follow after each Service.

Please note: Ashes will be available in the Sunday sacristy following each Mass or Liturgy of the Word to take to the homebound.

MONDAY - FRIDAY DURING LENT (beginning March 2nd)

8:30AM Morning Prayer of the Church (the Divine Office)

FRIDAY - MARCH 6

6:30PM Lenten Family Pizza Night - St. Alphonsus Parish Hall

SUNDAY - MARCH 22

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast - St. Alphonsus Parish Hall

Following the 7:30AM & 10AM Masses

WEDNESDAY - MARCH 4, 11, 18, 25 & APRIL 1

7:30PM Evenings of Prayer - Church

FRIDAY - FEBRUARY 28, MARCH 6, 13, 20, 27 & APRIL 3

7:30PM The Stations of the Cross - Church

WEDNESDAY - MARCH 18

6PM - 8PM Lenten Soup Supper - School Cafeteria

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Feb 24: Charismatic Prayer Group 7:30PM Church
- Feb 25: Eucharistic Adoration 3PM - 7:30PM Eucharistic Chapel
- 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
- Feb 28 - Apr 3 (Fridays) Stations of the Cross 7:30PM Church
- Mar 2 - Apr 8 (Weekdays): 8:30AM Morning Prayer of the Church
- Mar 11 - Apr 1 (Wednesdays) Lenten Prayer Services 7:30AM Church
- Mar 6: Lenten Family Pizza Night 6:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Mar 18: Parish Soup Supper 6 - 8PM School Cafeteria
- Mar 22: K of C Pancake Breakfast after 7:30 & 10AM Mass St. Alphonsus Hall