

Parish of Saint Martin of Tours

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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
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Rev. Vincent Schifano, Associate Pastor
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Rev. Deacon Christopher P. Quinn

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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

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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

Until it has been deemed safe for everyone to return to public assemblies, the Diocese of Rockville Centre has cancelled all Masses, services, confessions etc. until further notice. God bless and be with you all.



"Father...because of the crowd here I have said this that they may believe that you sent me. And when he said this, he cried out in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!'"

**Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 29, 2020**

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

ALL MASS INTENTIONS WILL BE CELEBRATED PRIVATELY UNTIL WE ARE ABLE TO WORSHIP TOGETHER AGAIN. GOD BLESS YOU!

Mon. March 30

6:30AM

9AM Gina Gentile

Tues. March 31

6:30AM

9AM Richard LaValle

Wed. April 1

6:30AM Mary Mullaly, Birthday Remembrance

9AM Fred Maney

Thurs. April 2

6:30AM *Kristine Benasutti, Birthday Remembrance*

9AM Raymond Axmacher

Fri. April 3

6:30AM Sirianni Family, Living and Deceased

9AM Nancy Hoolahan, 1st Anniversary

Sat. April 4

9AM Pamela O'Britis, Living, Alfred Murphy, Paul Mirro

5PM William C. Veltri

Sun. April 5 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

7:30AM The People of the Parish

10AM Rae Buto

12PM Vito J. Amarosa, Stephen Marano
Doris & Alfred Urbanski, Edward Farrell

5:30PM Rudy Casal

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; John 8:1-11

Tues Numbers 21:4-9; John 8:21-30

Wed. Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; John 8:31-42

Thurs. Genesis 17:3-9; John 8:51-59

Fri. Jeremiah 20:10-13; John 10:31-42

Sat. Ezekiel 37:21-28; John 11:45-56

Sun. *Isaiah 50:4-7* *The Lord God is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame.*

Psalm: *My God, My God, why have you abandoned Me?*

Philippians 2:6-11 *Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.*

Matthew 26:14-27:66 *But Jesus cried out again in a loud voice, and gave up his spirit.*

OUR WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIFT

Thank you for supporting SMT by mailing in or dropping your donations through the rectory mail slot. Above all else, God keep you safe in the palm of his hand!



Bulletin Reflection: When Jesus heard about the illness of His friend, Lazarus, He responded, "This illness is not to end in death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Every aspect of our lives—gifts as well as sufferings—can, if surrendered to Christ, lead to blessings for ourselves and others.

Living Stewardship: Pillar of Prayer: Let the Spirit of God work through you this week as we pray for each other, now, more than ever before. May the Divine Physician grant the graces to all He has blessed with the gift of healing through medical science. Give them strength, endurance and safe from the sickness they are trying to cure.

Until it is safe for us to return to our jobs at the parish, we will publish HOP winners at that time. The staff at St. Martin of Tours are praying for our parishioners and the whole world. May God bless you all!

Charismatic Prayer Group

To protect your health, practice social distancing. BUT to protect your soul, get **closer** to God, **cling** to Jesus, **follow** Him and **wrap** yourself in His love. Our church building may be closed but you can watch Mass on TV, on your computer, iPad or phone. Watch with your kids and pray for this to be over soon.

We can't be together physically, but we can be together and pray together spiritually. Prayer is our most powerful weapon. Use it often. We hope to be back to our Monday night meetings soon. **EVERYONE BE SAFE!!**

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

Wednesday, March 18th: AS OF NOW, you can drop off hearty soups, tuna fish, dish soap, chili and beef stew in the gathering area of the church. The church will be open daily from 8 am to 8 pm. The Pantry will remain open as long as possible. We will close at 5 pm on Thursdays as noted below. God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit we implore you to have mercy on us and on the whole world. Amen

Parish Outreach Food Pantry:

208 Broadway, Bethpage Phone: 516-931-7332

Monday: 9:30AM - 2:30PM

Thursday: 2:00PM – 5:00PM



The Bread & Wine
Week of March 29 - April 4, 2020

In Loving Memory of
Kristine Benasuti

The Sanctuary Candle
Week of March 29 - April 4, 2020

In Loving Memory of
Richard LaValle



Rest in the Peace of Christ

**Robert Albertson
All Victims of the COVID-19
throughout the world**

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

Please pray for the sick of our parish:

Leevalli Annearosa, Leigh Murphy, Richard Piernini, Joseph Simon, Douglas Torres, Liz Robertson, Amy Hayes, Mom & Dad
Matthew Messina, Pat Cannata, Christopher Gratton, Barbara Thompson, Donald Castor, Dorothy Quinn, Zachery Duff, Sam Zubov
Patricia Morrone, Mary Lynn Brassil, Brendan Rodriguez, Rebecca Passaro, Annette Giuliano, Tom Schuerlein, Katie Walsh
Louise Sandberg, Anthony Luisi, Tommy Johnson, Chris & Raymond Mirendia, Florencio Carmenate, Mary McCarthy, Karen Kilgard
Ann Marie Frayler, Nicholas Balducci, Robert Kennan, Corey Voboril, Baby Scarlett, May Duffey, Daniel Costa, Janet Medina, Kevin Henson
Marie Newman, Hector Valentine, Theresa DuRoss, Terry Hall, Bob & Anna Baciuska, Carol Ann Scudder, John Scudder
Elsa Ryan, Justine & Nicole Scudder, Vincent Esposito, William Boyce, Catherine A. McCarthy, Paul Granberg, Sarah Messina
Michael Arato, Jo Ann Anastos, Connie Burgess, Dolores Miller, Elizabeth Ryan, Layla Barr, Susan Carroll Goyan, Patty & Tom Turano
Jesusa Aquin, Nicholas Amato, Joseph McCroary, Richard Graziano, Jean Mulligan, Taylor, Edward Boyce, Fran Gandolfo, Johnny D.
Joseph & Joyce Kostyak, William Castle, Anthony Della Croce, Nicole Carbone, Barbara Rusch, Connie Kane, Beverly Viselli, Casey
Betty Mara, Teri Pigott, George Reif, Ed Ingels, Liam Escaniel, Gus Kunze, Eddie Morales, Tom Miles, Debra Dowdell, Elizabeth Hill
Louie Gandolfo, John Anderson, Daniel McCullough, Mary Lafauci, Gerry Russo, Allegra LaFalce, Jessica Czarnecki, Bill Monahan
Maureen Roberts, Pete Moran, Brendan Donahoe, Janet Scarpelli, Andrew McCarthy, Alicia Manetta, Baby Lucia Bianchi, Pat James
Joseph David Iovieno, Robert Daniel, Dorothy Eisenstadt, David Drohan, Ralph Caputo, Kristen Smith, Michael Vigotty, Vinny Vanturini
Tom Mitchell, Pat Murphy, Tarabokija Family, Philip Marino, Kathy Smith, Henry Hamilton, Nancy Gerace, Robert Collelouri, Arthur Baudo
Samantha McNeill, Veronica McCarthy-Pigott, Janine, Mary Jedlicka, Fr. Paul Wood, Brian John Roe III, Jacklyn Baddalucco Yolanda Zitelli
Rose Marie Gaccione, Andrew Bartolozzi, Pat Bergersen, Robert, Amy & Richard Ferranti, Joseph V. Pace, Jr., Justin Turner
Christopher Hehn, Baby Remy, Jimmy Rizzo, Thomas Kelly, Peggy Epstein, John Murphy, Al DeBatto, Adeline Norton, Ed Segretto
Ann Marie Wezel, Jeanie Wilkins, Ann Soehngen, Fred Cameron, Ryan Westbrook, Donna Strickland, Anthony Clese, Valerie Haberly
Brendan Langhauser Family, Helen Kurlowicz, Christine Marsiello, Michael M. Durante, Sonny D'Ambrosio, Thomas Triola, Keith Ferrara
Margaret DeMarco, Annemarie Frayler, Mario Ratti, 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 Varacore
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, Richard Lertora, Dorothy Kelly, Kathleen Picinic



The Pastor's Letter

Today we enter into "Passiontide." These final two weeks of Lent prepare us for the celebration of the central mysteries of our faith, the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of the Lord. This year we will celebrate them in the way we never have in our lifetimes, and God-willing never will again. I hope you and your families have been adjusting to this unusual time and benefitting from the extra time to spend on prayer and with the family. As Christians we know that all of our suffering, both physical and otherwise, can be offered to God for the salvation of souls.

We have been communicating as best we can by the Parish App and the Facebook Group. By the time you read this, I hope to have already begun streaming or recording Masses from the rectory chapel and the church itself. Fr. Sylvester, Fr. Vincent, and I have been celebrating Masses for the intentions in our parish Mass Book as well as for all of our parishioners. Please take advantage of all of the resources that have been listed here in the bulletin as well as online and on the App. We are grateful to many publishers who have made their resources free for us during this time.

Our Parish has partnered with a service called Vanco to allow for automated weekly, one time, and other donations to the Parish. It should be live and ready to use by the time you read this or in the very near future. Please make a prayerful and reasoned decision to participate in the program. During this time online giving is certainly more convenient and safe than dropping off envelopes and then counting and depositing money. Many people pay most or all of the bills online. Often the only check written by families is to the parish! Everything else is paid online. Once this health crisis has ended, as pastor I will have to sit down with our Finance Committee and perhaps have to make some difficult decisions. Obviously our faith and our health are the primary concerns. But behind that is the real fact that this pandemic will have an economic impact on all of us—families, businesses, and parishes. Your continued generosity is always appreciated. Remember, this is OUR parish!

As always, please reach out with any concern!

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This feast is very important in the defense of the life of unborn children. Even with small children, this is a good day to begin teaching about the high value God places on human life. He loved us so much that he became one of us, took on our human nature and became an innocent, completely dependent infant.

In Luke 1:26-38, the angel Gabriel said to a troubled Mary, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus..." But Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?" And the angel said to her in reply, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God." Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word."

SOURCES OF LIVE STREAMING OF MASS

Bishop Robert Barron will be streaming a Mass daily at this link
<https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass/>

The Catholic Faith Network (CFN) optimum channel 29/137, Verizon FIOS TV channel 296, and Spectrum channel 162/471

ST. AGNES CATHEDRAL, ROCKVILLE CENTRE
 Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. ET
 Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. ET

ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, NEW YORK CITY
 Monday—Friday 6:30 p.m. ET


OUR LADY OF LORETTO CHURCH, HEMPSTEAD
 Sunday 6:00 p.m. ET

The Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist will be broadcasting their celebrations of Mass and the Divine Office throughout the day at this link
<https://youtube.com/channel/UCxomM8S2IPSFdevlZprCK3A/videos>



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*

Pray
for
Vocations





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.

Everyone is invited to pray every weekday by downloading the free ibreviary app.

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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.



Glorious Saint Martin, our blessed patron, we humbly ask you with great faith that you attain from God, the fount of all Mercies, that our ways on this earth, our work and our toils be cleansed and opened with clarity.

In the name of Omnipotent God, Saint Martin of Tours remove all that harms us and give us work and prosperity. O blessed relief, give us your saintly protection, assist us, we beg you, in these difficult times. Amen.



In the teaching of the Catholic Church, an indulgence is "a way to reduce the amount of punishment one has to undergo for sins." The Catechism of the Catholic Church describes an indulgence as "a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven, which the faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains under certain prescribed conditions through the action of

the Church which, as the minister of redemption, dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of the satisfactions of Christ and all of the saints".

Vatican offers special indulgences during coronavirus crisis

March 21, 2020

The Apostolic Penitentiary, a Vatican tribunal that deals with matters of conscience, issued a decree on March 20th offering the spiritual assistance of special indulgences to people afflicted with COVID-19, to those in quarantine, to medical personnel caring for coronavirus patients and to all those who are praying for them. You can read the decree below:

The gift of special Indulgences is granted to the faithful suffering from COVID-19 disease, commonly known as Coronavirus, as well as to health care workers, family members and all those who in any capacity, including through prayer, care for them.

"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer" (Rom 12: 12). The words written by Saint Paul to the Church of Rome resonate throughout the entire history of the Church and guide the judgment of the faithful in the face of all suffering, sickness and calamity.

The present moment in which the whole of humanity, threatened by an invisible and insidious disease, which for some time now has become part of all our lives, is marked day after day by anguished fears, new uncertainties and above all widespread physical and moral suffering.

The Church, following the example of her Divine Master, has always had the care of the sick at heart. As Saint John Paul II points out, the value of human suffering is twofold: "It is supernatural because it is rooted in the divine mystery of the Redemption of the world, and it is likewise deeply human, because in it the person discovers himself, his own humanity, his own dignity, his own mission" (Apostolic Letter *Salvifici Doloris*, 31).

Pope Francis, too, in these recent days, has shown his paternal closeness and renewed his invitation to pray incessantly for those who are sick with the Coronavirus.

So that all those who suffer because of COVID-19, precisely in the mystery of this suffering, may rediscover "the same redemptive suffering of Christ" (ibid., 30), this Apostolic Penitentiary, *ex auctoritate Summi Pontificis*, trusting in the word of Christ the Lord and considering with a spirit of faith the epidemic currently underway, to be lived in a spirit of personal conversion, grants the gift of Indulgences in accordance with the following disposition.

The Plenary Indulgence is granted to the faithful suffering from Coronavirus, who are subject to quarantine by order of the health authority in hospitals or in their own homes if, with a spirit detached from any sin, they unite spiritually through the media to the celebration of Holy Mass, the recitation of the Holy Rosary, to the pious practice of the Way of the Cross or other forms of devotion, or if at least they will recite the Creed, the Lord's Prayer and a pious invocation to the Blessed Virgin Mary, offering this trial in a spirit of faith in God and charity towards their brothers and sisters, with the will to fulfill the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer according to the Holy Father's intentions), as soon as possible.

Health care workers, family members and all those who, following the example of the Good Samaritan, exposing themselves to the risk of contagion, care for the sick of Coronavirus according to the words of the divine Redeemer: "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends" (Jn 15: 13), will obtain the same gift of the Plenary Indulgence under the same conditions.

This Apostolic Penitentiary also willingly grants a Plenary Indulgence under the same conditions on the occasion of the current world epidemic, also to those faithful who offer a visit to the Blessed Sacrament, or Eucharistic adoration, or reading the Holy Scriptures for at least half an hour, or the recitation of the Holy Rosary, or the pious exercise of the Way of the Cross, or the recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, to implore from Almighty God the end of the epidemic, relief for those who are afflicted and eternal salvation for those whom the Lord has called to Himself.

The Church prays for those who find themselves unable to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and of the Viaticum, entrusting each and every one to divine Mercy by virtue of the communion of saints and granting the faithful a Plenary Indulgence on the point of death, provided that they are duly disposed and have recited a few prayers during their lifetime (in this case the Church makes up for the three usual conditions required). For the attainment of this indulgence the use of the crucifix or the cross is recommended (cf. *Enchiridion indulgentiarum*, no.12).

May the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God and of the Church, Health of the Sick and Help of Christians, our Advocate, help suffering humanity, saving us from the evil of this pandemic and obtaining for us every good necessary for our salvation and sanctification.

**To our Saint Martin of Tours Family,
Beautiful words from Pope Francis to ponder:**

Tonight before falling asleep, think about when we will return to the street. When we hug again, when all the shopping together will seem like a party. Let's think about when the coffees will return to the bar, the small talk, the photos close to each other. We think about when it will be all a memory, but normality will seem an unexpected and beautiful gift. We will love everything that has so far seemed futile to us. Every second will be precious. Swims at the sea, the sun until late, sunsets, toasts, laughter. We will go back to laughing together.

Strength and courage! - Pope Francis

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ANSWER: Jesus said Lazarus come out



FORMED FOR ADULTS

People's lives today are often busy and challenging. Stage 1 of the Hearts Afire Parish-based Program offers individuals a quick and easy way to withdraw from the demands of daily life and enter into a peaceful interior reflection on their relationship with Christ in the context of Marian devotion. We begin with the Immaculate Heart because Mary leads us to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The end result is that, by learning to entrust ourselves to the Mother of Our Lord, we can discover a transforming trust in Jesus himself.

The process of Total Consecration to Mary was introduced by **Saint Louis de Montfort** in the early part of the 18th century. The heart of his classic work, *True Devotion to Mary*, is a formal act of consecration to Mary, so through her, one can be consecrated to Christ. We call upon his powerful intercession for the Marian Consecrations, that are about to take place. His feast day is April 28th. St. Louis de Montfort, pray for us!

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- Click "Register" and enter your name, email address and desired password
- You're all ready to access the inspiring and engaging content on FORMED! We recommend that you start with the Welcome and Walk Through videos on our FORMED Parish home page.



PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into Hell Satan and the other evil spirits who prowl about the world for the ruin of souls. Amen. *Pope Leo XIII (1810—1903)*

HAIL, HOLY QUEEN

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope! To you do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to you do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, your eyes of mercy toward us; and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary! Pray for us, O holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.



PLEASE PRAY CONSTANTLY FOR THOSE SERVING IN OUR MILITARY

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



- MAJ Gregory Holownia, US Army
- MAJ Erika Holownia, US Army
- SGT Zachary John Sheehy, USMC
- PVT Travis Ruggiero, US Army
- SGT Dennis Diesel, USMC
- SGT Matthew P. Sirianni, US Army
- CPT Conor B. Murphy, USMC
- CPT Victoria Meyer, US Army Nurse Corp
- PO1 John Paul Pedalino II, US Navy
- CPT Thomas P. Shea, USAF
- SGT Michael John Kelly, USMC
- 1LT Brian McGrath, US Army
- SPC Matthew Castellano, US Army
- SSGT Michael Patrick Murphy, US Army
- CPL William Corrigan, USMC
- LCDR Daniel Cloonan, USCG
- PVT Daniel Kuhlmann, US Army
- LCPL Jonathan M. Gordon, USMC
- CPT Sean O'Donnell, USAF
- A1C Jake DeRossi, USAF
- CPT Mike Polan, US Army
- L/CPL Daniel O'Shea, USMC
- PVT Salvatore Castellano, US Army
- PVT Matthew Jelinek, US Army
- SGT Matthew C. Windisch, USMC
- E3 CORPSMAN Robert Fidnarick, US Navy
- 1LT Brian Thorpe, US Navy
- PO3 Joshua Zimmerman, US Navy
- MAJ Brendan McEvoy, US Army
- PO3 James Fischer, US Navy
- LTC John Evans, US Army
- ABHAA Michael Creagh, US Navy
- PVT Steven DiPaolo, USMC
- SSGT Sean V. Oliva, US Army
- 2LT Samantha Lopez, US Navy
- SSG George Howard, US Army
- LT Mario Lopes, USMC
- PVT Brian Barcavage, US Army
- CS1 Andrew L. DeMarsico, USN
- MAJ Thomas E. Mangiamele, US Army
- PVT Edward Morales, US Army
- LTC Michael F. Wendelken, USAF
- PVT John Marcel, Jr USMC
- LCPL Brendan M. White, USMC
- PFC Clint Applegate, US Army
- CPT Patrick C. Looney USAF
- SGT Ryan O'Keeffe, USMC
- SGT Jean Marie Cassar, US Army

CORONAVIRUS NOVENA PRAYER

O Mary, you brighten our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We must entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain while remaining steadfast in faith. O loving Mother, you know what we need and we are confident that you will provide for us as at Cana in Galilee. Intercede for us with your Son, Jesus Christ, the Divine Physician, for those who have fallen ill, for those who are vulnerable, and for those who have died. Intercede also for those charged with protecting the health and safety of others and for those who are tending to the sick and seeking a cure. Help us, O Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who took upon himself the sufferings and carried our sorrows, so as to lead us, through the Cross to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen.

Under thy protection, we seek refuge, O Holy Mother of God. In our needs, despise not our petitions but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

KIDS' PAGES

4th Sunday of Lent—The Man Born Blind



TWO KINDS OF BLINDNESS

The Gospel reading for March 22nd shows Jesus curing a blind man. Then he showed that the Pharisees had another kind of blindness—they didn't see the truth that curing someone was more important than not working on the Sabbath day. What do you think it would be like to be blind? Have you ever tried to walk around with a blindfold on? It's hard to tell where you're going, and you miss out on a lot of things going on around you. When you are blind on the inside, then you can't see where your soul is—or whether it's clean or stained from sin.

The next time you see a fault in someone else, before you say anything about it, think about yourself. Do you ever do wrong things? How do you want to be treated when you know you did something wrong? If you want to be able to see spiritually, you need to first look at your own faults.

What did the man that Jesus cured say to the people who thought Jesus was a sinner? Use the code at the bottom to find out!

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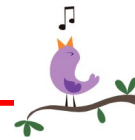
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Fifth Sunday of Lent—The Story of Lazarus



Do you find it easy to wake up in the morning? Hmm. Well, some people wake up easily and others find it hard to wake up. There are different ways of waking people up. Many people use an alarm clock. Other people wake up when the birds sing outside. There are other people who sleep very soundly. They need to be woken up with someone banging on pots and pans! We can wake up just about anyone if we make enough noise. However, no matter how much noise we make, we cannot wake up someone who had died. That would be impossible. But did you know there is Someone who can even wake up the dead?



His name is Jesus. In chapter 11 of John’s gospel we can read about how Jesus’ friend Lazarus died. Lazarus’ sisters, Martha and Mary, were very sad. By the time Jesus arrived at the tomb, he had already been dead four days! Of course, no one else could bring him back to life. But Jesus prayed to his Father and said, “Father, thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me, but because of the crowd here, I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me. Then Jesus called out, “Lazarus, come out!” Immediately Lazarus came back to life from the dead. Only the One True God can do this – the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit!



THE PUZZLE FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

ON A SEPARATE PIECE OF PAPER, USE THE CLUES TO UNSCRAMBLE THE NINE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SPACE TO FORM NINE WORDS.

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- eitk □O□O
- psreu OO□O□

THEN ARRANGE THE CIRCLED LETTERS TO FORM THE ANSWER.

Answer found on p. 8. No peeking!