

# *Parish of Saint Martin of Tours*

*40 Seaman Avenue, Bethpage, New York 11714*



*The Resurrection of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ*  
*April 12, 2020*

*This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad!*

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

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.



#### THE CLERGY

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 least 6 months prior to the wedding.

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

Change of address: Please notify the rectory.

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

#### Mon. April 13

9AM John Foley

#### Tues. April 14

9AM Marion Giaccio

#### Wed. April 15

9AM Peter E. McGinnis

#### Thurs. April 16

9AM Frank Dillon

#### Fri. April 17

9AM Amanda Henderson

#### Sat. April 18

9AM Frank Dillon

5PM John Speelman, 7th Anniversary

#### Sun. April 19 Divine Mercy Sunday

7:30AM Matthew McGrorty

10AM Concetta Strazzeri, Anniversary

12PM Dominick DeCaro

Agostino & Dosolina Benasutti

5:30PM The People of the Parish

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. Acts 2:14, 22-33; Matthew 28:8-15

Tues Acts 2:36-41; John 20:11-18

Wed. Acts 3:1-10; Luke 24:35-48

Thurs. Acts 3:11-26; Luke 24:35-48

Fri. Acts 4:1-12; John 21:1-14

Sat. Acts 4:13-21; Mark 16:9-15

**Sun. Acts 2:42-47** *The apostles and believers of Jesus met together in the temple area, breaking bread in their homes. They ate with exultation and sincerity of heart, praising God enjoying favor with all the people. And every day the Lord added to the number of those who were being saved.*

**1 Peter 1:3-9** *St. Peter tells the community that faith is more precious than gold, for all praise, honor and glory at the resurrection of Christ is rewarded with eternal life.*

**John 20:19-31** *Thomas was not there when Jesus appeared the first time, and when the apostles told him of this, he said, "unless I put my finger into the nail marks and my hand into his side, I will not believe." Jesus appeared again; this time Thomas was present. When he saw him he said, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said, "...Blessed are those who have not seen and have believe."*



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE  
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Easter 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

None of us could have imagined even weeks ago, that we would celebrate Holy Week and Easter Sunday *virtually*.

I have been amazed and inspired by the creativity and initiative of our pastors, our people and our parishes to continue evangelizing all of Long Island.

Whether it is video-streaming Masses and Eucharistic adoration, conducting a virtual parish mission, or a health precaution sensitive Eucharistic procession through neighborhoods, you are all moving forward and trusting in the transformative power of the Risen Christ as we continue to experience the tragedies, trauma, unemployment, financial and economic distress of the COVID19 crisis.

The light that streams from the glorified wounds of the Risen Jesus always touches and transforms our wounds and fears, and the wounds and fears of the world.

We remember in a special way this Easter Sunday and throughout the Easter season the souls of those who have died from the corona virus and their families, and those who, as Pope Francis says, are “writing the decisive events of our time: doctors, nurses, supermarket employees, cleaners, caregivers, providers of transport, law and order forces, volunteers, priests, deacons, religious men and women and so very many others.” We remember our families and the efforts of each of us to care for our families and our neighbors.

While we are all in pain that our Holy Week 2020 needs to be a virtual one, we do have a Pastoral Letter, *The Great Week: A Pilgrimage with the Lord in Holy Week* which can help strengthen, lift and inspire our virtual Holy Week celebrations.

This Pastoral Letter is a user-friendly, easily understandable synthesis of Holy Week and the Sacred Triduum, its liturgical theology, spirituality and history, designed to show the relationship between the Sacred Liturgies of Holy Week and Catholic Evangelization.

I encourage everyone to participate in all the Holy Week liturgies virtually through the Catholic Faith Network (see: [catholicfaithnetwork.org](http://catholicfaithnetwork.org) for details) and through your own parishes streaming the liturgies.

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Let's take this unique and virtual evangelization opportunity to pray that the Risen Christ might lead a massive return of Catholic Long Islanders to a full, active and conscious participation in our Holy Week liturgies and our Sunday Masses throughout the year.

I encourage you all to read and pray our Pastoral Letter which is available on our diocesan website DRVC.org and in the March 2020 Long Island Catholic magazine that many of you received at home.

I also had the opportunity on March 27, 2020, to share the Pastoral Letter with every American Bishop in the United States for possible use in their dioceses as they celebrate virtual Holy Weeks around the country.

I received an email from the Bishop of Fairbanks, Alaska. He thanked the Diocese of Rockville Centre for sharing the Holy Week Pastoral Letter with the people of Fairbanks, Alaska and said: "We have 37 remote parishes of Native Alaskans, pretty much on 'lock down' that could benefit enormously from the Pastoral Letter."

Catholic Long Islanders stand in the solidarity of the Risen Lord with Catholic Alaskans! This is just another example of the global Catholic solidarity that our Holy Father Pope Francis models for us and calls us to.

Thank you for continuing to support your parish and the vital ministries of our Church as your means allow during this most challenging time for all of us. The Church continues to serve the spiritual and physical needs of people during this crisis. Weekly collections mailed or given online will be critical to the sustaining and reemergence of our parishes.

Our Easter joy may be delayed this year, but our faith, hope and trust in the power of Jesus Christ's death and resurrection must shine brighter than ever. The cross of this crisis offers us the opportunity for a renewed and lasting appreciation for the gift of family and the transformative power of faith.

Know that you and all your families are in my heart and in my prayers as we celebrate The Great Week, Easter Sunday, the Easter Octave, Divine Mercy Sunday and the Easter Season.

He is Risen! Alleluia!

Sincerely in Christ,

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Most Reverend John O. Barres  
Bishop of Rockville Centre





***Christos Anesti! Alithos Anesti!***  
***Christ is Risen! Truly He has Risen!***

**Easter Sunday 2020:**

Today the Church *begins* our celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord. This celebration begins with an Octave. We celebrate each day through next Sunday as Easter Sunday itself. We then continue until Pentecost, the 50<sup>th</sup> Day of our Easter Season.

Let's keep the celebration going!

Yes, this is a celebration, even though we are not together to celebrate it! There are not the scores of people coming to Mass on a bright, sunny Spring morning dressed in their Easter best. But Christ is alive! Life has conquered death! In this time where so much attention has been focused on sickness and death, we are reminded that Jesus, who is the Life, lives. Through our baptism into his death, we have the hope of Life!

This year we have been forced to "live Lent." Many years on Ash Wednesday we make promises to rid ourselves of distraction and focus on acts of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. This year most of those distractions were taken away from us. We were given more opportunity for prayer and silence—and more intentions for which to pray. We were given practical reasons for fasting and for being thankful for the gifts we have and those who provide them. We saw the real needs of our neighbors and were able to provide as best we can through our time, talent, and treasure. Even, and especially, in the midst of suffering, sickness, and doubt, hope and faith in Jesus Christ shined through.

Where are we going from here? Because of deadlines this letter is being written on the eve of Palm Sunday. The latest updates are always available on the Parish App. Please download it and look to it frequently. Throughout these weeks the App has linked many resources to use as individuals and as families to grow as the Domestic Church. I hope you have used them and continue to use them! I hope that the times of prayer you have begun or renewed as families will continue when we return to "normal."

Finally, some words of thanks. Normally I would be thanking those who assisted with our liturgies. This year Holy Week was celebrated by a small group here at the church and virtually by everyone else. This still took effort, so thanks to Fr. Sylvester, Fr. Vin, our deacons, Elena, and all who helped make that possible. I learned a little about broadcasting on Youtube. In the future we will be able to use some of these media to assist our ministries.

Thank you especially to all of our parish staff for your generosity and understanding. With the closing of the parish offices and buildings each of our staff members has been forced to make sacrifices in how they work and how often they work. I know this has been a challenge to all. Decisions were made so that everyone shares in the sacrifice and when everything returns to normal we will be able to operate as close to normal as possible. In the rectory, the priests are continuing to cut back as best we can as individuals and as a house to share the parish burden.

I would like to thank everyone who has continued to mail in or drop off their sacrificial giving. Thank you to those who have signed up for Vanco or used the "text2give" option. We hope that those who are able might bring their "saved up" envelopes when we return to public Mass. This will help us get back to normal and not have to make any difficult decision in the future.

Thank you to Mary Vitti and our Parish Social Ministry team. During this time we have been continuing the best we can to provide for the continued need of our community. That need will only grow in the months ahead.

We have lived a share of the Cross these weeks. But Jesus told us to be disciples we must bear our cross--daily. But we know the Cross is our only hope, and the Cross leads to Resurrection and New Life!

**Father Christopher Costigan, Pastor**  
 fathercostigan@gmail.com    www.smtbethpage.org

**O**n Saturday, April 4, 2020, it was learned that one of our own—Adrienne Dane, known to all as “Amy”—was taken from us due to COVID19. I have come to know Amy as our evening receptionist, as one who served as an Arimathean, and Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. But Amy was more than a fixture at St. Martin of Tours. She encompassed all that Jesus desires for each one of us. A soul filled with love, compassion, kindness and a desire to serve.

Our parish mourns her loss and offers our prayers of consolation and comfort to her loving family. May she and all who have been called home, rest in the arms of God. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen

#### **A Prayer for All Medical Professionals & First Responders**

Yours are the hands full of experience and skill.  
 Yours are the hands reaching out with compassion,  
 Taking time to show care, swiftly taking action.  
 Yours are the hands gently touching your patients.  
     You touch families, too.  
 Yours are the hands that show you care.  
     You lift the hearts of those who suffer.  
 Your hands celebrate the joy of healing.  
 Your hands bless all they touch with the spirit of compassion,  
     Thank you for sharing your abundance and gifts,  
     For touching lives and lifting spirits.  
 Blessings and thanks for the many works of your hands.  
 May your hands bring healing to all those you touch.

**T**hank you to all who are serving our communities working in supermarkets, sanitation, restaurants, media and any other occupation that serves. Along with our medical professionals, police and fire-fighters, you are all heroes in the midst of this pandemic. Our special thanks to the printers at *The Church Bulletin* who also provide media service to the churches in our diocese.

**GOD BLESS AND KEEP YOU SAFE!**

#### **A Prayer for Persons Suffering from the Coronavirus**

*You shall not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day,  
 nor the pestilence that roams in darkness, nor the plague that ravages at noon. Ps 91:5-6*

Merciful God, hear our fervent prayer for all who suffer from the coronavirus.  
 May those who are infected receive the proper treatment  
     and the comfort of your healing presence.  
 May their caregivers, families and neighbors be shielded from the onslaught of the virus.  
     Give solace to those who grieve the loss of loved ones.  
     Protect and guide those who strive to find a cure,  
 that their work may conquer the disease and restore communities to wholeness and health.  
 Help us to rise above fear. We ask all this through the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes,  
 and in the name of your Son, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

*Easter Reflections from our Clergy*

**My Dear Friends,** It has been a long stress-filled time for each and every one of us! But with Christ in our lives we always take courage! Know that we are never alone. Please let me tell you that I miss and pray for each one of you daily - each time I celebrate Holy Mass in the Rectory Chapel and each time I sit before Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. But know that when we pray, we are in many ways connected to one another in Our Lord Jesus Christ!

Each day I get a few meditations that I reflect on in prayer. And today I read and reflected on our anxieties and how gray the whole sky can be like fog. I came to realize that each of us as the St. Martin Family have to *rename* our anxieties. When we rename our anxieties, we turn them into requests. So when we are suffering from anxiety, we can begin to hold the word *help* before our God. Letting that one word bring focus to what we as Catholics and Americans are going through. Easter is a time of GREAT JOY for all Catholics because Our Lord and Savior died on the cross so that each one of us might be free from sin. Very often when I hear confessions during Holy Week people share with me their pain - their anxieties - their troubles. And for their penance, I very often tell them that when they venerate the cross, to hand whatever is bothering them to the Lord.

This year will be very different for all of us because we will not be celebrating the Easter Triduum together as a parish community! But let us take HOPE in the resurrection that we will once again be an Easter People who will gather in our church of St. Martin and celebrate with great JOY our Alleluias! Until then let us all hold the word *guidance* before our God! Or *patience* before our God! Or *mercy, compassion, healing, calm and wisdom* before our God. ***Praise be the Name of Jesus Christ Now and Forever!*** - **Father Vin**

**My dear Friends -**

This Easter finds us in separation from one another, something that is foreign to all of us. We are a people who show affection by clasping hands in greeting, by enfolding arms around each other in joy and love or sorrow and compassion. Our Lord Jesus is very familiar with these desires and emotions and understands our frustrations and anxiety. But through all these days of separation, we are nonetheless surrounded by the Trinity—Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Take heart! God will never leave us as orphans! I wish you and your loved ones a very happy Easter filled with the joy and peace only Christ can give. ***God bless you all! Father Sylvester***

**H**ow different this Easter season seems in light of what we've always known Easter to be. But essentially we come back to the very essence of what the Paschal Mystery is all about: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!**

What is it that stands out in bold relief for us this Easter season except that we are a people of hope, bound to Christ by the grace of our Baptism and nothing can change that. And no matter what transpires in the world and in our own lives, the grace of faith lifts us above all that is negative and propels us into the transforming light of Christ where all our hope resides.

And so we keep in mind our communal song of joyful praise throughout this holy season of abundant life in Christ: ***We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song!***

**Happy Easter to all the good people of God at SMT... Deacon Tom**

***The Lord is risen: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!***

**Dear St. Martin of Tours Family,**

As we persevere together through these difficult circumstances before us, we find in effect that our lives and routines are changed in ways that we could not have imagined. In addition, as Lent draws to a close, our practice of prayer and charitable works become more significant than ever before. During this present situation, let's let prayer guide us in the way that we think about and see things and the acts of kindness and caring that we can do for one another be at the forefront of how we can attempt to fruitfully approach each day.

Now that Easter is here, it is important for us to remember that Easter is a "season of hope," just as springtime is and that "We are an "Easter People!" What truly matters is how we approach Easter, especially this Easter, and the way, of course, should be through faith. Let us together look toward Easter through a lens of hope and trust by seeing with the "eyes of faith" that will enable us to experience this most holy of times to the fullest by embracing the "light of Christ" and the joy it brings to our lives.

Although this year we are not able to celebrate this beautiful and holy time together physically, each of us can celebrate it within our own hearts uniting us together as one in the "Body of Christ." So this Easter, let's commit ourselves to live the Paschal Mystery fully during this difficult time, remembering that which Christ suffered for us and to have hearts filled with joyful praise and spirit as we celebrate Easter and to the time when we will again partake in the great gift of God's love, the Holy Eucharist, the body of Christ Jesus himself.

**A Blessed and Happy Easter to everyone in our St. Martin of Tours family, as we remember that:  
Our Lord is truly risen! May He fill your hearts with peace and His love! Deacon Chris**

***This Easter brings a profound desire to celebrate together the Resurrection of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.***

I am sure you have found, as I have, a new appreciation for the Holy Mass and for communal worship. Because we are mandated by the state and our diocese - as we must be - to keep our distance from one another, the yearning for the Holy Eucharist, the Body and Blood of Christ, is exaggerated to the point of deep, deep longing.

Never before in recent memory has this been so. We have but a glimpse of the experience of those in the world who have always known this yearning due to persecution. However, unlike our fellow Christians in oppression, this pandemic will end and will afford us all the luxury of worshiping again in our parish. Never let us take for granted what God has freely given. My family and I wish each and every one of you the joy and peace of our Risen Savior - and we will be together again. **Alleluia! Ron Lacsá & Family**

**SOURCES OF LIVE STREAMING OF MASS**

For those of you who have access to the internet, please download the YouTube app and subscribe to the link below. We need as many people as possible to subscribe so that we can broadcast mass from SMT. It would be greatly appreciated.

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMFIlnxffH4u0\\_ISA-yELRw?view\\_as=subscriber](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMFIlnxffH4u0_ISA-yELRw?view_as=subscriber)

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/UCxomM8S2IPSFdeviZprCK3A/videos>



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

***To SMT Parishioners,***

I know things have been difficult for all of us in this crisis. Thank you God, for our faith! I want to let you know that I plan to keep the pantry open on the two days listed below. As long as I am healthy, have food, and have at least one healthy and less-at-risk volunteer, we will continue to serve those who need it even more now. You can drop off soups, toothpaste, toothbrushes, tea, coffee, canned vegetables, Chef Boyardee pasta, canned beans, canned fruit, cereals. Let's continue to pray together!

***Blessings, Mary Vitti & Pantry Volunteers***

**Parish Outreach Food Pantry:**

**208 Broadway, Bethpage**

**Phone: 516-931-7332**

**Mon: 9:30AM - 2:30PM**

**Thurs: 2:00PM – 7:00PM**



The Bread & Wine  
Week of April 12 - 18, 2020  
In Loving Memory of  
Roy Weaver

The Sanctuary Candle  
Week of April 12 - 18, 2020  
In Loving Memory of  
Amanda Henderson



*Rest in the Peace of Christ*

**Joan Ferraro**

**Adrienne "Amy" Dane**

**All Victims of the COVID-19 virus  
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

**RESPECT LIFE**  
*respect. love. protect*

### WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER

The Respect Life Committee would like all of you to know that you are in our thoughts and prayers as we go through this difficult time as a Church, a country and the world. Our hearts are breaking to see that our churches are closed to Masses. Life has changed indeed. But we will all get through this. We will see the end, maybe having to say goodbye to some cherished family and friends, losing our jobs, and staying confined, but we will get through.

Many will awaken to see what they have left behind in their faith, maybe beginning to reach out to Our Lord again. Others may realize the time spent with family, friends and loved ones is more precious than playing video games, computers and cell phones. Especially during these times, Our Lord is beside us, no matter what comes our way. He remains near to those alone, those who are sick, and to all of us that may be afraid at times. People are walking together, at a safe distance, children are at play with their parents near, and have come to count our blessings and know we are all in this together.

This is a time to call a family member who may be alone, a grandparent in a nursing home who cannot have visitors, a neighbor who may need help, or may just be lonely. Some families and friends are passing people at home in cars, keeping their horns and waving to pick up their spirits. Most of all, this is a time to ask for Our Lord's help to get through.

Palm Sunday was different this year. Easter is different this year, but only in the fact that there will be no Masses. Our Lord was crucified and died for our sins. He is with us every moment, everywhere. So, let us come together as a parish to pray for the sick, those that will be lost, and the families that will suffer because of it. May we remember all our medical professionals who are on the front lines trying desperately to save lives and police, firefighters and all first responders.

May we keep in mind our priests and clergy that struggle at this time, as well as all those who must go to work to keep our county, our city and state running. Those that work in in pharmacies, supermarkets and other places that supply our essentials are also remembered in prayer. May we pray for America, that we will be free to come and go as we once did, remembering this time never to take things for granted again. May God bless and keep each of you safe in the palm of His hand.

**A BLESSED AND HOLY EASTER SEASON TO ALL OF OUR PARISHIONERS AT ST. MARTIN OF TOURS!**

#### 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**



***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.

## THE PASSION OF CHRIST

IN LIGHT OF THE HOLY SHROUD OF TURIN

FR. FRANCIS PEFFLEY



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The Passion of Christ in Light of the Holy Shroud of Turin

by Fr. Francis Peffley

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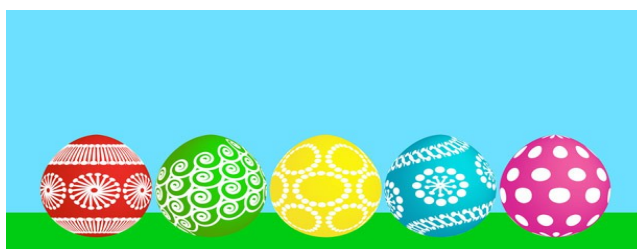
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Lord of Hosts, we commend to Your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with Your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the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



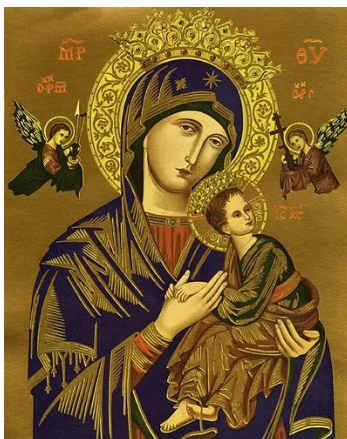
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**PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL**

**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**



**M**other of Perpetual Help, you have been blessed and favored by God. You became not only the Mother of the Redeemer, but Mother of the redeemed as well. We come to you today as your loving children. Watch over us and take care of us. As you held the child Jesus in your loving arms, so take us in your arms. Be a mother ready at every moment to help us. For God who is mighty has done great things for you, and God's mercy is from age to age on those who love God. Intercede for us, dear Mother, in obtaining pardon for our sins, love for Jesus, final perseverance, and the grace always to call upon you, Mother of Perpetual Help. We ask this in the Name of Jesus. Amen.



### *Charismatic Prayer Group*

We are learning how to live in isolation. This is our new normal - for now. So much is beyond our control, but you can control how you respond by trying to find the good. You have more time with your kids, play games, more time to read, go for a walk, connect with friends and relatives by phone or on line, and pray.

**Our prayer group is meeting through a conference call. Call me for information on how to get in at 516-993-9672. We hope to be back to our regular schedule soon. God bless you all. Stay safe !!**



**Bulletin Reflection:** Very early in the morning after the Sabbath, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb to anoint Jesus' body with precious oils. The reward for this good and conscientious steward was to be the first to know that Jesus had been raised from the dead. Alleluia!

**Living Stewardship ~ Pillar of Service:** Like Mary Magdalene, let us always do good works for Jesus. Remember, "whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me."

### *THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY*



***The Lord said to Saint Faustina: "You will recite this chaplet on the beads of the Rosary in the following manner:"***

First of all, you will say one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and the I Believe In God.

Then: On the Our Father Beads you will say the following words: ***Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.***

On the Hail Mary Beads you will say the following words: ***For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.***

In conclusion Three Times you will recite these words:

***Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.***  
(Diary, 476)

***Our Lord said to Saint Faustina:***

***Through the chaplet you will obtain anything, if what you ask for is compatible with My will (1731) ... I want the whole world to know My infinite mercy. I want to give unimaginable graces to those who trust in My mercy (687).***



# Easter Word Search

B M A L M H B B K I N G R N R  
 N O I T C E R R U S E R E O O  
 A P O S T L E S E Y S C D I O  
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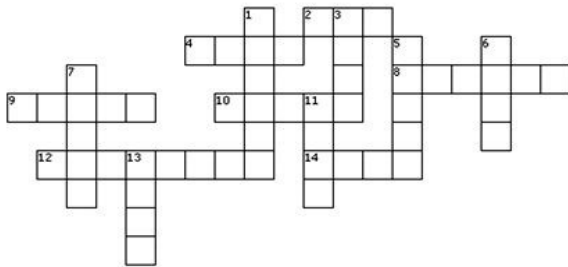
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 JESUS  
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 LOVE



MARY  
 REDEMPTION  
 RESURRECTION  
 RISEN  
 ROMANS  
 ROOSTER  
 SACRIFICE  
 SALVATION  
 SAVIOR  
 THORNS

*He is not here. He has risen!*

Words taken from John 20:1-18 (NIV)



ACROSS

- 2. To shed tears
- 4. The opposite of alive
- 8. A heavenly being
- 9. The thing that covered the entrance to Jesus' tomb
- 10. The color that is the opposite of black
- 12. A person who takes care of plants and flowers
- 14. The name of the woman who discovered Jesus' empty tomb

DOWN

- 1. The male parent
- 3. Return to an upright position after lying down; to return from the dead
- 5. The opposite of late
- 6. A period of seven days
- 7. An adult female person
- 11. A place where someone is buried; another name for grave
- 13. The opposite of light

Words Used

early	angels	gardener	rise
week	white	Mary	dead
dark	woman	tomb	
stone	cry	father	

"I am the Resurrection and the Life," says the Lord.  
 "He who believes in Me shall never die but have eternal life."

Celebrate the resurrection of our Lord!

*Happy*  
**EASTER**



In the Risen Lord,  
 All the Ministries and Volunteers of  
 St. Martin of Tours Parish