

Parish of Saint Martin of Tours

40 Seaman Avenue, Bethpage, New York 11714



Sunday of Divine Mercy

April 19, 2020

Have mercy on us and on the whole world.

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.

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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 20

9AM Mary Mullaly, 3rd Anniversary

Tues. April 21 - St. Anselm, Bishop & Doctor

9AM

Wed. April 22

9AM John M. Joyce

Thurs. April 23 - St. George & St. Adalbert, Martyrs

9AM

Fri. Apr 24 - St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest & Martyr

9AM Michael Croan

Sat. April 25 - St. Mark, Evangelist

9AM

5PM Ann & Bill Csajko

Sun. April 26 - Third Sunday of Easter

7:30AM The People of the Parish

10AM Helen & Henry Ruff

12PM Margaret & Joseph Muzio

Mary Henson

5:30PM Joe & Rosemary Ogno

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. Acts 4:23-31; John 3:1-8

Tues Acts 4:32-37; John 3:7b-15

Wed. Acts 5:17-26; John 3:16-21

Thurs. Acts 5:27-33; John 3: 31-36

Fri. Acts 5:34-42; John 6:1-15

Sat. 1 Peter 5:5b-14; Mark 16:15-20

Sun. Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22-23 *Peter stood up and proclaimed that David as prophet, foresaw and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that neither was he abandoned to the netherworld nor did his flesh see corruption.*

1 Peter 1:17-21 *Jesus was known before the foundation of the world but was revealed as the one who was raised by the Father that your faith and hope are in God.*

Luke 24:13-25 *On the road to Emmaus two disciples of Jesus were debating the events that took place. Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, asking about their discussion. They were prevented from recognizing him and were astonished that this stranger knew nothing of what took place. Jesus reminded them everything that the prophets had foretold, interpreting the Scriptures that referred to him. It wasn't until after they reached Emmaus when at table, Jesus blessed the bread, broke it and gave it to them that their eyes were opened, vanishing from their sight.*



Easter...continued

Today is the Octave Day of Easter, the Eighth Day of our celebration of the Lord's Resurrection. The Easter Season continues until the Fiftieth Day, Pentecost. My prayer for our parish during this time is that we keep up the momentum started in Lent and carried into our homes during these days of quarantine and isolation. Normally over these past two weeks, many people would have gathered here in our church to receive the forgiveness of their sins, to participate in the liturgical rites of Holy Week and the Residuum, and to receive the Sacraments of Initiation. When we are given the "all clear," we will gather and welcome them into the Church. We will also have ample time to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance. Just because we cannot gather physically together, and just because we are already eight days into the Easter Season, doesn't mean we should stop inviting people to come experience the love of Christ in the Church. Invite people to pray with you. Invite them to sign up for FORMED. Prepare yourselves spiritually by a daily examination of conscience so you will be prepared to receive Christ's forgiveness. We need not stop those extra times of prayer or extra charitable works we started in Lent. During this Easter Season of Fifty Days, let's continue the momentum and build on the progress we have made!

On this Divine Mercy Sunday we remain confident in the mercy of God for all of us, even in this time of trial. The ultimate act of mercy was the Cross on Good Friday. On Good Friday we started the Divine Mercy Novena. Today, you can participate in the prayers and devotions of Divine Mercy Sunday at this website (<https://www.thedivinemercy.org/>) or see page 6 if you do not have a device.

As of this writing, we are still in "limbo" in terms of when we can resume public celebration of the sacraments. Confirmation is still scheduled for Saturday, June 13. If there is a change, everyone will be notified as soon as a decision is made. Families need not contact the office. As we are still getting many inquiries regarding First Communions, I have decided to postpone them. While we still do not know whether we will be resuming public sacraments in May or not, many families continue to ask. So to provide a sense of closure during this time, all First Communion liturgies are postponed until further notice and guidance from the Diocese. Families need not contact the office as they will be informed of any information as soon as we have it. Please be reassured that there will be great flexibility in how we proceed and any reasonable request will be accommodated (Sunday Masses, weekday Masses, etc.).

Thank you to all those who continue to contribute your sacrificial giving envelopes or have signed up for VANCO or TEXT 2 GIVE! The Masses of our Mother's Day Novena will be celebrated as scheduled, whether in the church or privately in the Rectory Chapel. You may return the envelopes indicating those you wish to enroll in the Novena at anytime. If you don't have the special Novena envelope, simply and clearly list the names on another envelope or piece of paper.

We continue to celebrate the anointing of the sick and visit cemeteries. If you or a loved one is in need of the sacrament, please let us know! One of the hardest parts of this whole ordeal is the inability to celebrate Funeral Masses, but we are able to go to the cemetery provided the individual cemetery permits it. Please let us know if one of your loved ones passes away. Even if we can't have any formal rituals, we still want to pray for them and you. Once this is all over, we will be available to celebrate Memorial Masses. We will be as generous and as flexible as possible in scheduling them. As always, please email me with any questions or concerns! Stay tuned to the Parish App for the latest developments!

Father Christopher Costigan, Pastor
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"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 19 - 25, 2020
In Loving Memory of
Michael & Eugene Maley

The Sanctuary Candle
Week of April 19 - 25, 2020
In Loving Memory of
Rose Provenzano



Rest in the Peace of Christ

**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, Carol Nocita

May They Rest In Peace

Because St. Martin of Tours is not able to celebrate Funeral Masses due to the restrictions of COVID-19, our clergy, with permission of the cemeteries, has gone to gravesites to honor those who have died from our parish.

Please notify Father Chris at fathercostigan@gmail.com or leave a message at 931-0818 to let him know if anyone needs the Sacrament of the Sick or if anyone has died. Our clergy has either gone to the cemetery or received messages regarding the following souls:

Alfred Cali
Amy Dane
Josephine Ferrero
Beatrice Hermann
Patricia Mahon
Joseph Savino
Edward Stein
Catherine Stimpfel



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.



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



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).



FORMED

DIVINE MERCY: In the Second Greatest Story Ever Told by Father Michael Gaitley

Renowned speaker and author Fr. Michael Gaitley tells the dramatic history of God's love and mercy as interwoven through the transformative message of St. Faustina, the miraculous appearance of Mary at Fatima, the witness of Maximilian Kolbe, and the world-changing papacy of Pope St. John Paul II. Featuring the brilliant cinematic artistry of the Augustine Institute's film studio, the vast panorama of God's work of mercy in the world unfolds as a story to be experienced.

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We recommend that you start with the Welcome and Walk Through videos on our FORMED Parish home page.



To download the parish app to your iPhone or android, go to myparishapp.com and find St. Martin of Tours Bethpage.

You will find the latest updates and information from Father Chris especially during this time of isolation.

OUR WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIFT



Online Offertory Giving

Text: 004parishstmartinoftours

To: 516-271-3338

Your weekly donations can be made from your phone.

Please text [004parishstmartinoftours](https://bit.ly/377RTZP) to [516-271-3338](https://bit.ly/377RTZP) Then follow the prompts.

For those who do not have internet access, we 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!

Catholic Health Services teams up with Mayo Clinic for COVID-19 plasma research

Catholic Health Services (CHS) is joining a new research effort led by the Mayo Clinic that will use convalescent plasma donated by recovered COVID-19 patients to treat individuals who continue to fight the virus. Initial data available from studies using COVID-19 convalescent plasma to treat individuals with severe or life-threatening conditions related to the virus indicate that a single dose (200 milliliters/6.8 ounces) of plasma showed a benefit for some patients, leading to improvement.

People who recover from COVID-19 do so, in part, because their blood contains antibodies that are able to fight the virus. Prior research of other viruses found that treating patients with plasma obtained from those who have recovered from the same virus leads to rapid improvement. "Catholic Health Services is excited to work with the Mayo Clinic as part of the effort to develop new treatments for COVID-19," said CHS senior vice president and chief quality officer Jason Golbin, DO, MBA, MS. "We will be contacting patients treated by CHS for COVID-19 to request their participation in this study, but all who have recovered are welcome."

Potential donors must have a prior, verified diagnosis of COVID-19, but are now symptom-free and fully recovered. In addition to being in good health, donors must also be at least 18 years of age and weigh at least 110 pounds. The plasma can be administered only to a consenting COVID-19 patient or a patient whose family member offers consent. The treatment will be given to those patients judged by a physician to be at high risk of disease progression to severe or life-threatening. Additional information and details on how to donate may be obtained by calling CHS at 1 (855) CHS-4500.

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.

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.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE REGARDING SCAMMERS

As noted below, we previously warned people regarding scammers by alerting you how they appear like someone you trust. They are even more prevalent during the COVID-19 crisis. Please be vigilant and protect yourself by being informed. The original warning we gave you is as follows with instructions on how to report phishing scams.

“Please note that if you received a message to your device claiming to be clergy with an ‘urgent’ need for your help to purchase gift cards, DO NOT follow their instructions. Scammers make their living by duping innocent people who are more than willing to help their church or religious organization. No one from our parish or diocese would request your help to purchase gift cards. If, however, you gave your personal information, change your password immediately.”

How to Report Phishing

1. If you got a phishing email, forward it to the FTC at spam@uce.gov and to the Anti-Phishing Working Group at reportphishing@apwg.org. If you got a phishing text message, forward it to SPAM (7726).
2. Report the phishing attack to the FTC at ftc.gov/complaint.

Filing a Consumer Complaint With the Federal Trade Commission (FTC)

The FTC encourages consumers to file a complaint whenever they have been the victim of fraud, identity theft, or other unfair or deceptive business practices. They can do it online, or by calling the FTC's Consumer Response Center at 1-877-FTC-HELP (1-877-382-4357).



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 HELP IN A CRISIS PREGNANCY

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

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NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE 1-800-4-Child or 1 800-422-4453



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



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



Mother 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.

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

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>

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.

RESPECT LIFE
respect • love • protect

HOLD FAST - HAVE FAITH

April marks the first full month of spring as well as Easter. This is a season of renewal, of re-birth, and of hope. In such a short duration of time, we have seen our country and the world devastated by COVID-19. We stay at home and watch as millions of people are infected, some recovering, and some not. Some of us may have a loved one that is infected and sent to the hospital. Many of us are unable to visit or help someone that we love, something that is so hard to bear. Others of us have loved ones in hospice, waiting and suffering with them.

Many are quarantined and unable to shop or leave their homes. We may be waiting on the kindness of family or friends to bring us food and essentials. Our cities are closed down, our businesses, our restaurants, and some are without a job to return to. But with faith, we will get through this stronger, wiser, and more thankful for the lives we were blessed with.

It is ironic that this has happened during Lent and Easter. We were brought to prayer, thought and understanding of the suffering that our Lord endured as he carried the Cross. Maybe it helped us endure our own suffering as we reflected on Jesus and his path to that Cross. It may have brought us peace and understanding that life can end here on earth, but through his Passion, we will have life everlasting. We can find comfort in the words of Saint Pope John Paul II, "Be not afraid."

Our churches are closed to Mass and we are unable to hold and comfort friends and family, but love can reach from our hearts to each other. Just a call, a text, or an email will make such a difference to someone alone and afraid at this time. We can pray, say a rosary for the world, our country, ourselves. One thing is sure. We will get through this. Our Lord is here beside us; we are never alone.

In our prayers let us remember our pope, our clergy and pray that soon our churches will re-open for the peace and tranquility we find within its walls. Let us remember our doctors, nurses, aides and those that tend to clean and sterilize our hospitals. We remember our police, EMT's and first responders, and sadly, those that will tend to those who have passed, reaching out to families that will have little time to say goodbye. May we remember in those prayers our president, governors and mayors who are making decisions that can affect each and every one of our lives.

Every year on Good Friday, hundreds of Pro-Lifers stand together in prayer outside the Nassau University Medical Center in East Meadow to protest abortion. There was no one there this year. Instead, there were ambulances and empty sidewalks. Roads were clear of traffic and parking lots were empty at NUMC except for those responding to save lives. But they were there to save those lives, and so we see the kindness of the human spirit.

We are beautiful when we stand together. We are beautiful when we reach out to each other. We are beautiful when we walk in the footsteps of our Lord. He will guide us.

**God bless each and everyone,
 The Respect Life Committee**

Charismatic Prayer Group

We all know the song, *Have I Told You Lately That I Love You*, by Rod Stewart. Have you ever thought about what a perfect song that is to sing to Jesus? Listen to the lyrics. With all that Jesus has done for you, sing this song to Him. Jesus hurts when you hurt, cries when you cry. But He also delights in your joy and wants to fill your heart with His love.

We can't meet in person, but we are doing group phone meetings on Mondays at 7:30 p.m. Call for more information at (516) 993-9672. Until we can all be together, be safe and know that if you are reading this, you are in our prayers.



Bulletin Reflection: In this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus meets the needs of each disciple. To the fearful He speaks words of peace. To doubting Thomas, He provides the tangible proof of His resurrection.

Living Stewardship ~ Pillar of Hospitality:

In today's reading, we hear about the disciples living in a communal lifestyle. We can easily imagine the pillar of hospitality standing strong within their midst. Once we are all able to attend Mass, a smile of greeting shows everyone they are welcomed at church.

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!

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.

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.



POPE CALLS FOR A 'CONTAGION' OF EASTER HOPE, PEACE, CARE FOR POOR

In an Easter celebration like no other, Pope Francis prayed that Christ, "who has already defeated death and opened for us the way to eternal salvation," would "dispel the darkness of our suffering humanity and lead us into the light of his glorious day, a day that knows no end."

The pope's traditional Easter message before his blessing "urbi et orbi" (to the city and the world) still mentioned countries yearning for peace, migrants and refugees in need of a welcoming home and the poor deserving of assistance. But his Easter prayers April 12 were mostly in the context of the suffering and death caused by the coronavirus and the economic difficulties the pandemic already has triggered. The pope's Easter morning Mass was unique; missing were dozens of cardinals concelebrating and tens of thousands of pilgrims from around the world packing St. Peter's Square. Instead one cardinal -- Cardinal Angelo Comastri, archpriest of St. Peter's Basilica -- and a dozen faithful sat inside, one in each pew, before the Altar of the Chair where the pope celebrated the liturgy. Also missing were the more than 50,000 tulips, daffodils and flowering shrubs that growers in the Netherlands donate each year to turn into a garden the steps leading up to the basilica.

Yet millions followed on television, by radio and by livestream as the Easter "Alleluia" was repeated and the Gospel account of the disciples finding the empty tomb was proclaimed both in Latin and in Greek. In a clear sign of continuing prayers to God for the end of the pandemic, the sanctuary around the altar again was dominated by symbols of Romans' faith in divine intervention: the icon "Salus Populi Romani" (health of the Roman people) and the "Miraculous Crucifix," both of which were carried through the city centuries ago in times of plague.

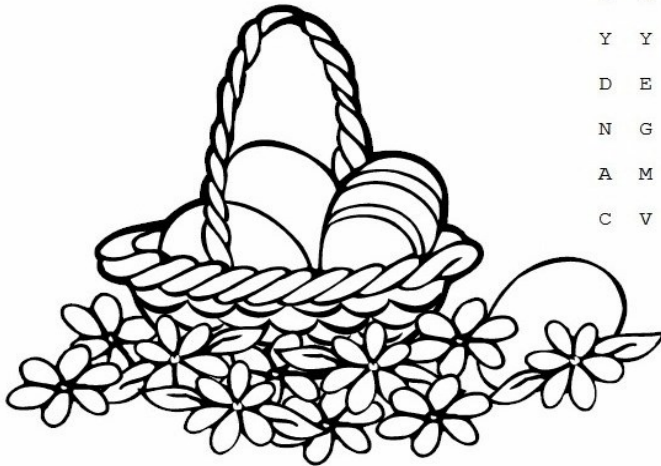
As is customary, Pope Francis did not give a homily during the Mass but offered his reflections before the "urbi et orbi" blessing. Instead of standing on the central balcony of the basilica overlooking the square, he delivered the address from the gates leading to the tomb of St. Peter under the basilica's main altar. The Easter proclamation "Jesus Christ is risen! He is truly risen!" goes forth from "the night of a world already faced with epochal challenges and now oppressed by a pandemic severely testing our whole human family," the pope said. "In this night, the church's voice rings out: 'Christ, my hope, is risen!'"

The proclamation of hope, new life and victory over death, he said, should be "a different 'contagion,' a message transmitted from heart to heart, for every human heart awaits this good news," he said. "This is no magic formula that makes problems vanish," the pope said. "No, the resurrection of Christ is not that. Instead, it is the victory of love over the root of evil, a victory that does not bypass suffering and death, but passes through them, opening a path in the abyss, transforming evil into good: this is the unique hallmark of the power of God." The risen Jesus, he said, came forth from the grave still bearing the marks of his crucifixion, he said. "Let us turn our gaze to him that he may heal the wounds of an afflicted humanity." Read more of this story at www.LICatholic.org

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Easter

WORD SEARCH



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On the Road to Emmaus

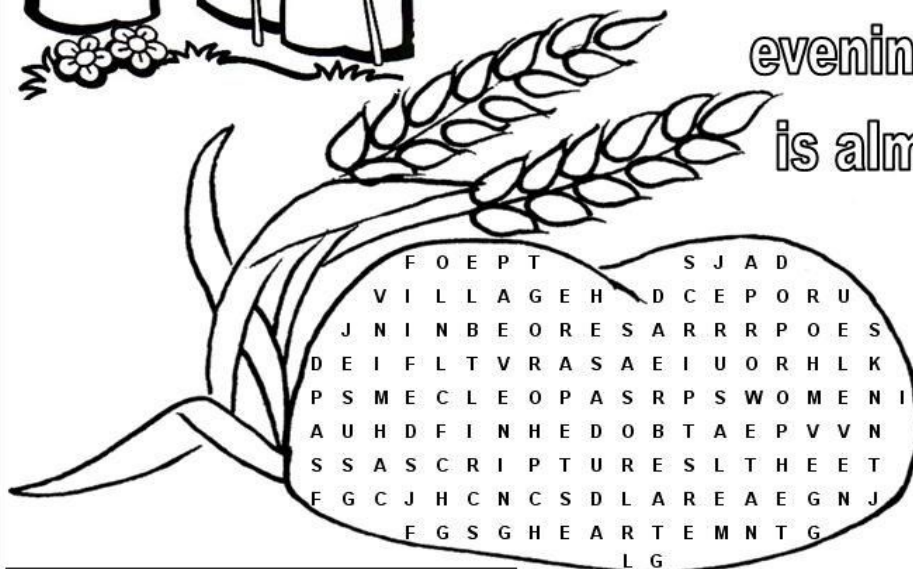
Luke 24,13-38



Find the hidden words

Stay with us,
for it is nearly
evening; the day
is almost over.

- Village
- Jesus
- Prophet
- Cleopas
- Scriptures
- Women
- Heart
- Table
- Evening
- Bread
- Eleven
- Jerusalem



Clue: the words are in all directions — vertical, horizontal, diagonal, even backwards!