

Parish of Saint Martin of Tours

40 Seaman Avenue, Bethpage, New York 11714



Third Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2020

The Road to Emmaus



OUR 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.

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

Rev. Christopher Costigan, Pastor
 Rev. Sylvester Iлека, Associate Pastor
 Rev. Vincent Schifano, Associate Pastor
 Rev. Deacon Thomas R. Hennessy
 Rev. Deacon Christopher P. Quinn

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 Saturday 9AM-7PM • Closed Sunday

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 Monday - Thursday • 9:30AM - 3:00PM • Closed Friday

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 Monday 9:30AM - 2:30PM • Thursday 2:00PM - 7:00PM

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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.

St. Martin of Tours, patron of our parish, pray for us. Intercede to the Father for the end of this pandemic not only for us but for all humanity throughout the world. We ask this in the Holy Name of Jesus. Amen.

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

Mon. April 27

9AM

Tues. April 28 - St. Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr

St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest

9AM Madeline Gillespie

Wed. April 29 - St. Catherine of Siena

Virgin and Doctor of the Church

9AM Rose Miele

Thurs. April 30 - St. Pius V, Pope

9AM

Fri. May 1 - St. Joseph the Worker

9AM John Heffernan

Sat. May 2- St. Athanasius, Bishop and

Doctor of the Church

9AM David Cartwright

5PM Lucy Speelman, 8th Anniversary

Sun. May 3 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

7:30AM Rose, Arthur & William Cordone

10AM The People of the Parish

12PM Barbara Zanchelli, Gene Kelly, Gaspare Bruno

Patrick Hanrahan & Frank McCann

5:30PM Vincent Ciccolella

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. Acts 6:8-15; John 6:22-29

Tues Acts 7:51-8:1a; John 6:30-35

Wed. Acts 8:1b-8; John 6:35-40

Thurs. Acts 8:26-40; John 6:44-51

Fri. Genesis 1:26-2:3 or Col. 3:14-15, 17, 23-24
 Matthew 13:54-58

Sat. Acts 9:31-42; John 6:60-69

Sun. Acts 2:14a, 36-41 *Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, proclaiming, "Let the whole house of Israel know for certain that God has made both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."*

1 Peter 2:20b-25 *Because Christ suffered for what is good, he has left an example that we should follow in his footsteps.*

John 10:1-10 *Jesus proclaimed that he is the gate for the sheep; whoever enters through him will be saved.*



The Pastor's Letter

Today, the Lectionary presents us with the beautiful Gospel of the two disciples walking on the road from Jerusalem to Emmaus. This is on the day of the Resurrection itself. Cleopas and the unnamed disciple are downcast, walking away from the scene of the Crucifixion into the unknown. These are men of faith who have had that faith shaken. They are men of hope but have had that hope severely damaged. They are trying to make sense of the events of the recent past, and trying to figure out what to do in the immediate future.

In many ways, we are like those disciples. We find ourselves in a great unknown. That which we knew, and took for granted, is no longer here (at least temporarily). We don't know of a final date for all of the restrictions. So, we are people of faith and hope, but perhaps that faith and hope are shaken or damaged a bit? To us here and now, like Cleopas and the other disciple on the day of the Resurrection, Jesus approaches. He walks with us. The disciples, although they might have felt abandoned, are still in the presence of Jesus. When we pray over the words of this Gospel, we see how they are lived out at each and every Mass. The people are gathered together, the Scriptures are read and broken open, and Christ comes in a real and true way in the Breaking of the Bread. And then immediately after, we are dismissed to go and bear witness!

Although not in ordinary times, and sadly not able to gather together Sunday and Sunday for the Eucharist, we are not abandoned. In the home, the Domestic Church, you are still gathered together. We are still able to read, pray with, and break open the Scriptures. There are some great resources out there and many are being provided to us free of charge in these days. So perhaps we are actually able to spend more time with the Word of God now than in the immediate past? Although not able to receive the Eucharist, Christ is still really present in the Tabernacle. The Church is open from 8am to 8pm daily for quiet prayer in the Presence of the Lord. No, this does not and cannot replace the Mass. But our prayer before the Lord sustains us from Mass to Mass. It is a continuation of the graces of Mass and leads us, calls us towards the next Mass. This is true each week from Sunday to Sunday. In our present situation the time from "Sunday to Sunday" is a bit longer. But the reality remains.

The Mass is still being celebrated in our parish and in every parish. Each and every Mass, whether it is the priest alone or millions of people gathered with the Holy Father, is a communal celebration. It is the gathering of the Communion of Saints, the Church on earth and in heaven. Like Cleopas and the other disciple, we are all walking in this together. And we are walking into an unknown, at least in terms of immediate details. We already know the final outcome—Jesus Christ comes again! We need to pray for the graces of generosity, humility, prudence, and patience. Many people have creative ideas about things in the parish, the community, the schools, and the like. Some are good and we try to implement them. Some are good but cannot be done for logistical reasons. Some may be good but would go against directives from the Diocese. And some would not be good ideas in the present environment. In other words, we are listening, evaluating, and making decisions as we go forward in this very fluid environment. Some things that may be good for school class groups or even other parishes might not be good for our parish, or not logistically possible at this time.

It's in these times that we return to the basics: love of God and love of neighbor. Like Cleopas and the other disciple, let's turn to the Scriptures for comfort. Take extra time to pray the readings of the Mass. Start reading the Gospels, just a chapter a day, each day. Develop an appreciation and habit of praying the Liturgy of the Hours. This is the official prayer of the Church, sanctifying the days and the hours. When you pray the Liturgy of the Hours you are not just watching something virtually, but really and truly participating in the official liturgy of the Church. The "Ibreviary" app is a great, easy, and free resource for this!

Finally, please download and monitor the Parish App! It will have the latest details as well as many resources to live out your faith in these days!

Father Christopher Costigan, Pastor
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KEEPING CONNECTED THROUGHOUT THE DIOCESE

Parish priests and high school chaplains throughout the diocese have kept their parishioners and students connected through livestreaming Masses, standing outside their churches for benedictions and blessings, or in the case of chaplains, have driven wherever their students live holding up the monstrance for adoration.

Our own pastor Father Chris Costigan has had drive-by benedictions and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for our parishioners as well as daily livestreaming Masses. Our clergy continues to have graveside services for families mourning the loss of their loved ones. In addition, please see below on ways you can help patients in the hospital suffering from COVID-19.

We Care 4 Them

St. Martin of Tours working with Northwell Health

Do you have a spare iPad or iPhone that you could donate to those patients who are hoping to speak to and see the faces of their loved ones?

If you think social distancing is hard, imagine being a patient admitted to the hospital in isolation. When people are sick, the love of their families and friends can make them feel better than any medicine ever could. Unfortunately, that's not possible right now with the current visitor regulations. For patients, the hospital staff may be the last ones to hold their hands and tell them they are loved as they leave this world to move on to eternal life.

We at St. Martins Parish would like to organize a virtual visitation initiative with iPads / iPhones to help patients connect with their families when they are hospitalized. If you have an old iPad / iPhone (or even new!) please consider donating it for patient usage at the hospitals of Northwell Health in a program called We Care 4 Them.

If you can help, here is what we ask you to do:

- Insure your IPHONE / IPAD has the ability to do FaceTime...how do you know? Go to SETTINGS and scroll down until you see FaceTime between Messages and Maps. If you see it, it means your device can do FaceTime.
- Please sign out from your iCloud account before completing a factory reset by going to SETTINGS > Accounts & Passwords > Sign Out.
- Then please erase all data on your phone. This is simple. Go to SETTINGS. Then to the GENERAL tab. Click on it and scroll all the way down to RESET. Then click on ERASE ALL SETTINGS. It may ask for your password.
- Please Place your donation, including charger cables if possible, in a plastic bag and if you like, include your contact information, then bring your donation to the Rectory and place in the Mail Slot in the door. Please do not ring the door bell, the Rectory office is closed due to the quarantine.
- When you drop off we would appreciate a message on our Facebook page or the APP so we know to expect it.
- We will then collect the donated devices and turn them over to Northwell for distribution throughout the needed floors for patients to start using them to communicate with their families.

The Parish of St. Martin of Tours and the staff of Northwell Health thank you for your generous assistance as we strive to help those in need during this sad and emotionally stressful time.

—St. Martin of Tours—
Bethpage, NY · Founded in 1923

#SMTwecare4them



"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 26 - May 2, 2020
In Loving Memory of
Ann & Bill Csajko

The Sanctuary Candle
Week of April 26 - May 2, 2020
In Loving Memory of
David Cartwright



Rest in the Peace of Christ
Carol Nocita
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

May 1st: Feast of Saint Joseph the Worker

To capture the devotion to Saint Joseph within the Catholic liturgy, in 1870, Pope Pius IX declared Saint Joseph the patron of the universal Church. In 1955, Pope Pius XII added the feast of Saint Joseph the Worker. This silent saint, who was given the noble task of caring and watching over the Virgin Mary and Jesus, now cares for and watches over the Church and models for all the dignity of human work.

Source: www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-joseph-the-worker/



In light of so many who have been furloughed or lost their jobs due to COVID-19, let us pray the Litany of St. Joseph with our loved ones.

**Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.
Christ have mercy. Christ Have mercy.
Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.**

Joseph, tender and caring	pray for us.
Joseph, prudent and brave	pray for us.
Joseph, wise and faithful	pray for us.
Joseph, lover of simplicity	pray for us.
Joseph, pattern of patience	pray for us.
Joseph, guardian of our family	pray for us.
Joseph, caregiver of the dying	pray for us.
Joseph, comfort to the fearful	pray for us.
Joseph, protector of our Church	pray for us.

Let us pray: Saint Joseph accompany us in these days of darkness and fear. As you led the Holy Family from darkness to light, lead our families to new life and gratitude for one another. Be the strength of our heart to know the fullness of your Spirit within our homes. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Charismatic Prayer Group

COVID 19 has taken many things away from us— things we may have taken for granted and much more importantly, people we love. But it can't take away our faith, Jesus' love or God's promises.

Prayer is more important now than ever. Spend some quiet time with God. He's waiting to hear from you. And He wants you to listen to Him.

We are doing praise and worship meetings via conference call on Monday nights at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome to join in by calling 1-717-275-8940. Put in the access code 2236123.



Bulletin Reflection: Once again, we read in the Gospel that Jesus comes to His disciples and reveals to them that He is truly risen. God does not leave us alone to figure out life by ourselves, He is always present with you asking that you invite Him into your life.

Living Stewardship ~ Pillar of Prayer: “Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?” This week make a point to open up your Bible and dive into the Scripture. Have some quiet time afterwards and let the Lord speak to you.



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 Fr. Chris especially during this time of separation.

THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

<https://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/pray-the-chaplet>

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.

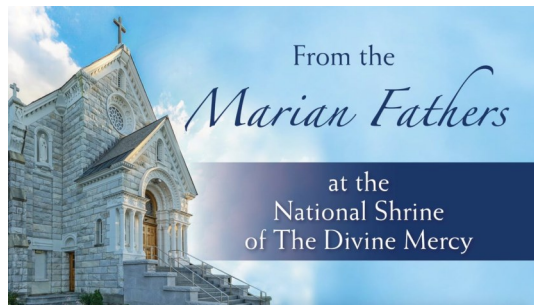


Mother of Perpetual Help, you have been blessed and favored by God. You became not only the Mother of the Redeemer, but Mother of the redeemed as well. We come to you today as your loving children. Watch over us and take care of us. As you held the child Jesus in your loving arms, so take us in your 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.



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.



FORMED

This is Father Michael Gaitley's Divine Mercy Reflection for 2020 filmed at the Shrine of Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, Massachusetts. His talk is inspirational, deeply reflective, and helpful in understanding the requirements asked of Jesus given to St. Faustina for Divine Mercy Sunday. Father Gaitley explains how both Spiritual Communion and an Act of Contrition can still be done while we are dealing with the current COVID-19 conditions of social distancing. The special indulgence and many graces are explained in this video as well. The Word TRUST is so vital in attaining this special indulgence. The inside of the Church of the Divine Mercy is very beautiful for those who may not have seen the interior.

Jesus I trust in thee. Have Mercy on us and on the Whole World!

Get FORMED now! It's easy and free to register!

- Go to <https://smtbethpage.formed.org>
- 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.

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** to **516-271-3338** 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

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.

MORE INFORMATION REGARDING SCAMMERS

<https://www.fbi.gov/news/stories/protect-yourself-from-covid-19-scams-040620>

Why is this pandemic, or any disaster, such an opportunity for scammers and criminals?

A: Unfortunately, criminals are very opportunistic. They see a vulnerable population out there that they can prey upon. People are scared and looking for help. People are trying to protect themselves and their families. For example, people are looking for medical attention and medical equipment. They also may be unemployed and looking for work. There may be an extra level of desperation right now that may cause someone to make an emotional decision that could make them a victim.

Q: What are some of the most common fraud schemes you're seeing?**A: Government Impersonators**

One of the most prevalent schemes we're seeing is government impersonators. Criminals are reaching out to people through social media, emails, or phone calls pretending to be from the government. In some cases, they're even going door-to-door to try to convince someone that they need to provide money for COVID testing, financial relief, or medical equipment.

We are a very trusting society, but it's important to know that the government will not reach out to you this way. If someone reaches out to you directly and says they're from the government helping you with virus-related issues, it's likely a scam. This "government" representative may be trying to use phishing or other techniques to hack your computer or get your personal information or money.

Fraudulent Cures or Medical Equipment

Right now, the threat we're most concerned about is fake cures or treatments for the virus. These "cures" can be extremely dangerous to your health—even fatal. You should never accept a medical treatment or virus test from anyone other than your doctor, pharmacist, or local health department.

Work-from-Home Fraud

People who are at home and out of work are vulnerable to work-from-home scams. If someone you don't know contacts you and wants you to urgently pay them in return for a "job," you are dealing with a criminal. Legitimate jobs will not ask you to pay them. If you're in a role like this where you're being asked to send or move money, you're acting as a money mule, which is a federal crime.

Investment Fraud

One of the most lucrative schemes for criminals is offering you an opportunity to invest in a cure or treatment for the virus. The purpose of these get-rich-quick schemes is simply to defraud the investor. Any offer like this should be treated with extreme caution. Steven Merrill, chief, FBI Financial Crimes Section

Q: What potential scams should people be aware of regarding government financial benefits?

A: The government will not ask you for personal information to give you your financial benefits. If you receive an email, text message, or phone call claiming to help you get your benefits, do not respond. If you are eligible to receive the benefits, your government check will be mailed to you or will be direct deposited into your bank account. *(Note: The IRS has additional tips on how to avoid these types of scams.)*

Q: What is the FBI doing about these scammers?

A: We're investigating many of these cases right now. We've already arrested and filed charges against those who we have evidence to believe are engaging in these crimes. We have teams of FBI employees working these cases every day. I strongly encourage anyone who comes across something suspicious to report it to the FBI at tips.fbi.gov or to the Internet Crime Complaint Center at ic3.gov

Q: What can people do to protect themselves from scammers?

A: Use extreme caution in online communication. For emails, verify who the sender is—criminals will sometimes change just one letter in an email address to make it look like one you know. Be very wary of attachments or links; hover your mouse over a link before clicking to see where it's sending you.

In general, be suspicious of anyone offering you something that's "too good to be true" or is a secret investment opportunity or medical advice. Seek out legitimate sources of information.

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).

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.

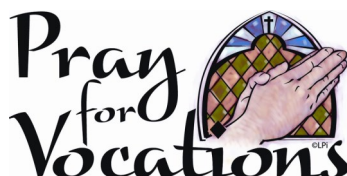
You lift the hearts of those who suffer. Your hands celebrate the joy of healing.

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.





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
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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*

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.

Elena Scollo, our Director of Music, sent a notice to the Music Ministry on April 17th. It is the reality that we all face during this pandemic. Pray for each other and the whole world.

"It is with much sadness that I tell you that Carol Nocita passed away last night. Carol contracted COVID-19 and she had multiple underlying health issues. Carol was on a ventilator for at least two weeks and was sedated. She passed peacefully. She was a great woman of faith. She was not afraid to leave this world and was so looking forward to meeting her Lord. There are no arrangements at this time because of the current social situation. There will be a memorial mass down the road.

Sing with the Angels now Carol..."



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/UCMFiLnxH4u0_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

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CATHOLIC NEWS AGENCY (CNA) UPDATES

THREE STATES' CORONAVIRUS ABORTION BANS REMAIN AFTER COURT INTERVENTIONS

Eight states that have enacted temporary bans on abortion during the coronavirus pandemic are contending with legal challenges, and judges have prevented many of the temporary bans from coming into effect. Judges have so far intervened to allow abortion in some form in Alabama, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Ohio, Iowa, Louisiana and Tennessee after the leaders of those states attempted to classify elective abortions as non-essential procedures. Many states have suspended medical procedures deemed non-emergency or non-essential in an attempt to stem the spread of the virus among healthcare professionals, and to free up medical resources and hospital capacity.

ELDERLY & DISABLED HAVE SAME RIGHT TO TREATMENT AS OTHERS, SAY BISHOPS

Elderly and disabled coronavirus patients have the same right to life-prolonging treatments as others, the bishops of England and Wales have said. *"With escalation of the coronavirus, demand on NHS resources is outstripping supply and those responsible for our care and well-being are facing challenging decisions,"* they said. *"Nevertheless, doctors struggling with scarce resources must never decide against treating patients based on factors such as disability or age. A decision against offering a certain life-prolonging treatment to an individual must never be a judgment based on the worthwhileness of that person's life, including their age or other social characteristics, but a pragmatic decision about the likelihood of him/her benefiting from the intervention given their medical condition."*

PRO-LIFE LEADERS CALL FOR CORONAVIRUS VACCINE WITHOUT ABORTION TIES

Development of an effective, safe and widely available vaccine for the novel coronavirus is deeply important, but its development should avoid unethical links to abortion, said pro-life leaders in a letter to the Trump Administration. *"It is critically important that Americans have access to a vaccine that is produced ethically: no American should be forced to choose between being vaccinated against this potentially deadly virus and violating his or her conscience,"* said the April 17 letter to Dr. Stephen M. Hahn, commissioner of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER. REMEMBER TO FOLLOW THE RULES THAT GOVERNOR CUOMO HAS PUT FORWARD TO END THE CORONAVIRUS IN NEW YORK. WASH YOUR HANDS WELL. WEAR A MASK WHEN IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO ANOTHER PERSON. STAY AT LEAST 6 FEET APART. STAY HOME IF YOU CAN....AND PRAY FOR ALL THOSE SUFFERING WITH THIS DISEASE AND FOR FAMILIES TENDING TO LOVED ONES THAT HAVE PASSED. KEEP IN PRAYER OUR PRESIDENT AND ALL GOVERNORS THAT MAKE DECISIONS AFFECTING OUR LIVES.



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

IMPORTANT NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

The following notice concerns our own acolyte Ronald Lacsca who is awaiting ordination to the diaconate.

Diocese postpones ordination of permanent deacons

The Diocese of Rockville Centre issued the following statement on April 21:

The diaconate ordination scheduled for May 23rd has been postponed. A new date will be provided when we are able to have such a celebration in compliance with NY State gathering requirements. Please keep our soon-to-be permanent deacons and their families in your prayers during this difficult time. Thank you.



Bishop Barres' letter of April 19th Divine Mercy Sunday reads in part:

The COVID-19 pandemic is creating uncertainties for many and we need your help to continue to serve our neighbors most at risk during this crisis. With your support, Catholic Charities will be better equipped to:

- Expand its Meals-On-Wheels programs;
- Provide enhanced and expanded support services to those who were cared for in congregate senior centers which are now closed;
- Provide shopping services to those who are most vulnerable to the pandemic;
- In partnership with the 133 parishes throughout Nassau & Suffolk County, focus on keeping the outreach operations strong for existing and new families who are struggling in their respective communities;
- Stabilize care to the 106 residents with special needs or developmental disabilities in their 13 residences by retaining current staff and increasing staff recruitment;
- Keep seniors safe and healthy in their 16 senior housing facilities by proper cleaning and sanitizing practices, enhanced communication about CDC recommended practices and social distancing; in addition to telehealth/telephone access to support their residents;
- Enable Talbot House to continue to care for homeless individuals in recovery, in addition to their Chemical Dependence Clinics providing telephone assessments and individual counseling through technology; and

Enable their clinics to continue in a telehealth mode of service delivery during the COVID-19 crisis. This will allow Catholic Charities to continue to assist individuals who need behavioral health services but due to social distancing are unable to go to a medical appointment.

If you or a family member is in need of assistance, please contact Catholic Charities helpline at (516) 733-7045.

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