

# *Parish of Saint Martin of Tours*

*40 Seaman Avenue, Bethpage, New York 11714*



*Fourth Sunday of Easter*

*May 3, 2020*

*The Good Shepherd*



## 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

Trustees: Carol Buffa and Frank Mekalainas

Parish Council: Martin Meaney, Tom Beck, Annette Crofton  
Louie Gandolfo, Rosanna Kluth, Michael Leva, Lucy McNamara  
Robert J. Smith

Finance Committee: John McCarthy, Frank Aiello, Carol Buffa  
John Lynam, Lucy McNamara, John McTigue, Frank Mekalainas  
Tina O'Donnell, Susan Oliver

Liturgy: Deacon Tom Hennessy, Deacon Chris Quinn, Ann Hughes  
Janet McKenna, Frank Mekalainas, Pat Ricci, Elena Scollo

Rectory Office: Tel. 931-0818 • Fax 931-0559  
Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9AM-8PM • Lunch 12-1PM  
Saturday 9AM-7PM • Closed Sunday

Office of Faith Formation: 822-9768  
Patricia Ryan and Laura Leigh Agnese, Coordinators  
Monday - Thursday • 9:30AM - 3:00PM • Closed Friday

Parish Social Ministry: Mary Vitti, Coordinator • 931-7332  
Monday 9:30AM - 2:30PM • Thursday 2:00PM - 7:00PM

Music Ministry: Elena Scollo, Director of Music • 713-8854

Facility Manager: George Lucas • 635-7944

First Friday Devotions: After the 9AM Mass  
First Saturday Devotions: 8:30AM Church

The Sacrament of Baptism: Karen Dillon, Coordinator • 454-6454

The Sacrament of Matrimony: Please contact the rectory office at  
least 6 months prior to the wedding.

St. Vincent de Paul : 718-687-8854

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

Change of address: Please notify the rectory.

*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. May 4**

9AM Rudy & Stefanie Casal

**Tues. May 5**

9AM Terence Barry

**Wed. May 6**

9AM Catherine, Elizabeth & Madeline Reilly

**Thurs. May 7**

9AM Mary George

**Fri. May 8**

9AM Hanley & Rochford Families

**Sat. May 9**

9AM The People of the Parish

5PM Ann & Bill Csajko

**Sun. May 10 - Fifth Sunday of Easter**

7:30AM Mary Mullaly

10AM Helen Haack

12PM Michael Maley, Robert & Anna DeZego

John, Carrie & Terrence Lynam

Salvatore & Maria Accardi

5:30PM The People of the Parish

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Mon. Acts 11:1-18; John 10:11-18

Tues Acts 11:19-26; John 10:22-30

Wed. Acts 12:24-13:5a; John 12:44-50

Thurs. Acts 13:13-25; John 13:16-20

Fri. Acts 13:26-33; John 14:1-6

Sat. Acts 13:44-52; John 14:7-14

**Sun. Acts 6:1-7** *The apostles sent out seven disciples one of whom was Stephen who was filled with faith and the Holy Spirit to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ.*

**1 Peter 2:4-9** *Peter said that we are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of His own, so that we may announce the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His wonderful light.*

**John 14:1-12** *The apostles questioned Christ as to how to find the way to the Father. Jesus said, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."*

***"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 May 3 - May 9, 2020  
In Loving Memory of  
Lena Simon

The Sanctuary Candle  
Week of May 3 - May 9, 2020  
In Loving Memory of  
Vincenzo Montepeluso



*Rest in the Peace of Christ*

**Adam May**

**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  
Barbara Weis, Thomas Fahey, Teri Bunker, Diane Kelly, Andy Lomuscio, Baby Dominick, Bridget Lissy, Madison Milio, Patrick Varacore  
Edison Esposito, Gene Stasiuk, Carlo Ruggiero, Rose Kuhn, Francis & Kathleen Meehan, John Krahn, Bucky Montgomery Steve Lazzara  
Bob Hoffman, Stephanie Koster, Maria Panno, Carolyn Smith, Margaret Pehrsson, Daniel Harrington, Bob Amato, Barbara Gula  
John Prentice, Richard Lertora, Dorothy Kelly, Kathleen Picinic

## *The Pastor's Letter*



This past Tuesday was the Memorial of Saint Peter Chanel, a Marist priest who became a missionary to the Island of Futuna and the first martyr of Oceania. In the Office of Readings for his memorial we find these words, "Quietly he preached the Gospel, but there was little response." Still with invincible perseverance he pursued his missionary task on both the human and religious level, relying on the example and words of Christ: *There is one who sows and another who reaps...* The blood of this martyr benefited, in the first place, the natives of Futuna, for a few years later they were all converted to the faith of Christ. But it benefited as well the other islands of Oceania, where Christian churches, which claim Peter as their first martyr, are now flourishing. Saint Peter Chanel died in 1841.

I bring this up because today, the Fourth Sunday of Easter, is "Good Shepherd Sunday." Each year on this date our readings give us one of the many images of Christ as shepherd. This Sunday is normally observed as one of special prayer for vocations to the priesthood. Often priests would share their own "vocation story" at Mass or there might be some words from a seminarian following the Prayer after Communion. Obviously, we can't do those things this year. But in a way those presentations are more profound in 2020.

Because of the internet and technology, we can see the work done by so many in parishes in our Diocese and around the world. While things that work at one parish might not work at another, we see the creativity of the Holy Spirit working through our priests and others in parishes. Like all of us, this is a new experience in living as a Catholic and as a parishioner. We haven't been here before and God-willing we won't be here again. But here we are. Your priests here and in all parishes are still celebrating the Eucharist daily with and for the people of God. Even a priest praying the Mass "alone" in a private rectory chapel is the offering of the entirety of the Church--on earth and in heaven. Priests are still going out and administering the sacraments of the Sick and Penance. The particulars have changed in many cases, but the essentials remain the same.

One of the hardest parts of this crisis for myself, and for other priests I talk to, is that "best practices" today are in many cases the exact opposite of our instincts. Today, we are trying to be creative in ministering in ways that purposely do not gather people together! Imagine saying that six months ago! As hard as it is for you not to gather as a community, it is hard for us. I am used to being in the confessional almost every day of the week and encouraging frequent confession. We have not been able to use our confessional for almost two months. In our new world, pastors and parish leaders have to make the best decisions they can based on the facts out there and the best guesses of the "experts." We know that almost any major decision made will be loved by some and hated by others. For example, do we keep the church building open? There are strong opinions on both sides. In a way, that is good. It means that people are taking their faith seriously. It would be much worse if no one cared whether the building was open or not!

Over the history of the Church, times of great challenge and persecution have led to a subsequent blossoming of vocations to the priesthood and to "great awakenings" in the faith of the people. God-willing, this will happen to us at Saint Martins, in the Diocese of Rockville Centre, and the Universal Church. Remember, we are all in this together and we should use this situation as a means to grow in holiness, not just to waste away our days on Netflix. In describing his mission to a fellow religious, St. Peter Chanel said, "In such as difficult mission, one has to be holy." One grace from this time, for priests and for all, is that it provides an opportunity to reset the balance active/contemplative balance in our spirituality. For those of us who are so used to "doing," this is a time to slow down and focus on our relationship with God in prayer, Scripture study and Lectio Divina, good spiritual reading, and contemplative prayer.

Next Sunday is Mother's Day. You can't go out for brunch but you can support our local businesses! Remember these are the ones who support your fundraisers with gift certificates and gift baskets all year long! The priests of the parish will still pray a Mother's Day Novena of 9 days of Masses for those whom you wish to enroll, living and deceased. Please return the envelopes with the names clearly indicated as your convenience. You may also feel more comfortable emailing me the names you wish to enroll (fathercostigan@gmail.com). You can then drop or mail the envelopes at your convenience but the names will be included in the Masses.

As always, email me with your questions, concerns, or suggestions. If you know anyone who has not been receiving our messages on the Parish App or the Facebook Group, please help them sign up or let us know so we can contact them with updates.

**Father Christopher Costigan, Pastor**  
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**Bulletin Reflection:**

The Gospel today reminds us that Jesus is always there to love, protect and help us. Though we are sinners, God loves us with a love we cannot begin to imagine. He calls us to repentance and true love with Him.

**Living Stewardship ~ Pillar of Service:**

Jesus is the Good Shepherd who died and rose for us. We can show gratitude to Him by being good shepherds to those around us. Even in this time of quarantine our prayers, donations and communications can mean so much to a hurting world.

*Charismatic Prayer Group*

Someday soon, isolation will be over. Are you ready? The game is about to begin and you should be training now just like an athlete trains in the off season. Bad routines can quickly become bad habits. To come back strong, prepare now. You can't run a marathon without first running a mile.

We will be meeting via ZOOM on Monday nights starting at 7:15. If you are able to download the App, the meeting ID is 8067813931 and the password is 755410. Or you can call 1-929-205-6099. I hope you'll be there. Call 516-993-9672 for more information or prayer requests.

**CATHERINE OF SIENA**

FROM THE NOBEL PRIZE WINNING AUTHOR OF *KRISTIN LAVRANSDATTER*

**SIGRID UNDSET**

**FORMED**

*Sigrid Undset's Catherine of Siena* is critically acclaimed as one of the best biographies of this well-known and amazing fourteenth-century saint. Known for her historical fiction, which won her the Nobel Prize for literature in 1928, Undset based this factual work on primary sources, her own experiences living in Italy, and her profound understanding of the human heart. One of the greatest novelists of the twentieth century, Undset was no stranger to hagiography (A hagiography is a biography of a saint or an ecclesiastical leader, and by extension, a praised and idealized biography of a founder, saint, monk, nun or icon in any of the world's religions.)

Her meticulous research of medieval times, which bore such fruit in her multi-volume masterpieces *Kristin Lavransdatter* and *The Master of Hestviken*, acquainted her with some of the holy men and women produced by the Age of Faith. Their exemplary lives left a deep impression upon the author, an impression Undset credited as one of her reasons for entering the Church in 1924. Catherine of Siena was a particular favorite of Undset, who also was a Third Order Dominican. An extraordinarily active, intelligent, and courageous woman, Catherine at an early age devoted herself to the love of God. The intensity of her prayer, sacrifice, and service to the poor won her a reputation for holiness and wisdom, and she was called upon to make peace between warring nobles. Believing that peace in Italy could be achieved only if the Pope, then living in France, returned to Rome, Catherine boldly traveled to Avignon to meet with Pope Gregory XI. With sensitivity to the zealous love of God and man that permeated the life of Saint Catherine, Undset presents a most moving and memorable portrait of one of the greatest women of all time.



To download the parish app to your iPhone or android, go to [myparishapp.com](http://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.



**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.



**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.



### OPERATION HOPE

Business leaders in Bethpage organized **Operation Hope**, the drive-by food collection that took place on Good Friday. What a meaningful title in this season of the Resurrection!

Notice of **Operation Hope** was posted on the B.K. Sweeney's web-site and other locations. Folks drove down Broadway and into White's Funeral Home driveway. The food was deposited with community volunteers and transferred to 208 Broadway, the pantry. Fr. Chris joined the volunteers, offering St.

Martin's thanks and a prayer for everyone's safety. All food was brought to the basement for storage and given a sanitizing treatment. Pantry volunteers stocked the shelves later to overflowing.

Fortunately, St. Martin's Food Pantry received a huge amount of all kinds of food...canned goods, cereal, pasta, bread, meat and even some Easter candy and gift cards. The 'full larder' is decreasing and now, the freezer is near empty.

Mary Vitti who manages the pantry with her family's help, reported that the number of people coming for food has tripled in this pandemic. God bless all the donors to **Operation Hope** and those who contribute to St. Martin's Food Pantry with bags of food in the "little red wagon."

### 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!*



## We Care 4 Them

### St. Martin of Tours Partners in Mission working with Northwell Health

**Do you have a spare iPad, iPhone or similar device that you could donate to hospitalized 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. Unfortunately, current visitor regulations do not allow for the presence of families and friends. In many instances, hospital staff may be the last ones to hold the hands of a patient and tell them they are loved as they leave this world to move on to eternal life.

St. Martin's Parish is organizing a virtual visitation initiative via the use of donated iPads, iPhones and other similar devices to help patients connect with their families and friends when they are hospitalized. If you have an old device (or 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. 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.
- \* Sign out from your iCloud account before completing a factory reset by going to SETTINGS > Accounts & Passwords > Sign Out.
- \* Erase all data on your phone. 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.
- \* Place your donation, including charger cables, in a plastic bag. Do include your contact information. Bring your donation to St. Martin of Tours Rectory, 40 Seaman Avenue, Bethpage, and place it in the mail slot in the door.
- \* We would appreciate a message at [smtpartnersinmission@gmail.com](mailto:smtpartnersinmission@gmail.com) so we know to expect it.
- \* Donated devices will be given to Northwell Health for distribution throughout their hospital system for patients to communicate with their families.

The Parish of St. Martin of Tours, via the Partners in Mission ministry, 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—

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### 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.




# White Mass

## Praying for Health Care Workers

*White Masses* (so named for the white coats and uniforms worn by many healthcare professionals) are special opportunities to ask God's blessings for those serving in the medical field.

**11:00 am**  **May 17, 2020**

**Celebrant and Homilist: Bishop Barres**

**Airing on**  **CATHOLIC FAITH NETWORK** **from St. Agnes Cathedral**

CFN is available through 24/7 live stream at [CFNTV.org](http://CFNTV.org) and on selected cable and satellite systems.  
Optimum channel 29/137 • Verizon FiOS TV channel 296 • Spectrum channel 162/471  
You can also watch CFN on Roku, Apple TV, Amazon Fire TV, Android, or by downloading the CFN iOS mobile app.

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### ARMED FORCES SALUTE LONG ISLAND'S HEALTH CARE HEROES

Health care workers at Good Samaritan Hospital Medical Center in West Islip, use cell phones to record a joint midday flyover by the U.S. Navy's Blue Angels and the U.S. Air Force's Thunderbirds April 28, 2020. The demonstration teams were participating in a salute to New York-area medical personnel, first responders and other front-line workers placing themselves in harm's way during the COVID-19 pandemic. (CNS photos/Gregory A. Shemitz)



**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.



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

**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.

**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

**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  
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# RESPECT LIFE

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## **POPE FRANCIS PRAYS THAT "PRUDENCE AND OBEDIENCE" WILL PREVENT RETURN OF PANDEMIC**

Vatican City, April 28, 2020 MT (CNA) Pope Francis prayed that Christians would respond to the lifting of lockdown restrictions with "prudence and obedience" as he celebrated Mass Tuesday. He said, "At this time, when indications have been given to exit out of quarantine, we pray the Lord will grant to His people, all of us, the grace of prudence and obedience to these indications, so that the pandemic does not return."

**OFFICE OF HUMAN LIFE, FAMILY AND BIOETHICS. THE DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE:** It has been nothing short of surreal as we each have navigated territory dictated by the measures taken to mitigate transmission of the COVID-19 virus. We all went into "lockdown mode" and disrupted everything we know of modern day life-going to school, to work, to the grocery store, even to church. But we did it to save lives, or the sake of the other. Nevertheless, these efforts have been a great sacrifice on many levels and the hardship experienced financially, socially and psychologically will linger. It is most providential though, that as we have seen on the glorious Feast of Easter itself we finally see a glimmer of hope on the horizon of this pandemic. It calls to mind the words of Pope St. John Paul II, "Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song."

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE:** Prayer is the foundation of our mission and your prayers really do make a difference. Please keep the efforts of 40 DAYS FOR LIFE in your prayers and for an end to abortion. As an organization grounded in prayer, your prayers are essential to the mission of 40 Days for Life support system. Is your doctor recommending an abortion or termination due to adverse prenatal diagnosis? You are not alone. We are here to help. Abortion is not your only option. There is support, information and encouragement for carrying your baby to term with an adverse prenatal diagnosis. There are few things more frightening in life than finding out your baby may not be healthy. The fear of the unknown and the pressure to terminate can be intense. You are not alone. There is support for mothers who are coping with depression or anxiety during pregnancy or after the birth of the child. Perinatal mood and anxiety disorder is the leading medical complication related to childbearing. For more information contact (631) 376-HOPE

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WEBSITES IN THE DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE RESPECT LIFE OFFICE:**

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**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](http://www.mommashouse.org)**

**IMPORTANT NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE****Bishop Barres' letter of April 26<sup>th</sup> reads in part:**

The Diocese of Rockville Centre is responding to the needs of Long Islanders both physically and spiritually, in a multitude of ways. One important element I would like to highlight in our Catholic community's frontline response to the coronavirus pandemic is our Catholic Home Care. Part of the Catholic Health Services of Long Island, Catholic Home Care is working harder than ever during this crisis. On most days, it now serves more than 3,000 patients in their own homes.

An increasing percentage of these visits are related to COVID-19 illness. As you can imagine, Catholic Home Care clinicians are operating under extraordinary circumstances as they perform the necessary visiting nurse calls; physical and occupational therapy visits; medical social services counseling sessions; and home health aide services in patients' homes. Despite the challenges, the 650 dedicated professionals and support staff of the Catholic Home Care team are working seven days a week to ensure every patient's home care needs are met.

Moreover, Catholic Home Care is innovating through the pandemic crisis to expand care through its Telehealth Program. Telehealth services are staffed by specially-trained clinicians, and patients are provided with telemonitoring devices to monitor their health multiple times each day.

Through Telehealth services, Catholic Home Care professionals partner with patients and their caregivers to take vitals such as a patient's heart rate, blood pressure, weight and oxygen saturation levels. This data is shared in real time with Catholic Home Care so that clinicians can provide enhanced feedback and services that meet the patient's day-to-day needs.

Catholic Home Care's Telehealth Program increases communication between patients, caregivers and clinicians. Telehealth keeps physicians better informed about patient progress and also educates patients to better understand and self-manage their health and wellness. It is just one of the ways Catholic Home Care is evolving to better meet patient needs in the home.

Donor support helps enable Catholic Home Care to perform the essential work of visiting and communicating with increasing numbers of patients, whether on site in the home or through expanding Telehealth services. If you would like to make a contribution of any size to support this work, please visit the [Catholic Home Care giving page](#). If you think home care services could benefit you or a loved one please contact (631) 465-6830.

You are invited to participate in the daily Mass and other spiritual programming on the Catholic Faith Network (CFN), the national television network based here in our own Diocese. A complete programming schedule is available at [www.CFNtv.org](http://www.CFNtv.org). Many parishes are also offering video streamed Masses and other devotions online. Check your parish web site for availability.

Our prayer for you this week is that the risen Lord will watch over all of us during these challenging times and protect the clinicians and support staff of Catholic Home Care as they care for their patients. If you are able, I implore you to support Catholic Home Care and your parish with your prayers and with your philanthropic gifts. Please know that you and your family are remembered in my daily prayers and Masses.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend John O. Barres  
Bishop of Rockville Centre

**What is a sheepfold?** A sheepfold is a tall fence with a gate to keep the flock of sheep safe at night from a hungry wolf. Whoever climbs over the fence is a thief or robber and wants to steal and harm the sheep. But whoever enters through the gate is the *real* shepherd. Sheep do not have sharp claws and are not very smart. Some shepherds are good and some are not. Good shepherds take care of their sheep and keep them safe from harm. The sheep know their shepherd and will follow only his voice. They depend on the voice of the shepherd to keep them safe. The shepherds that are not good are hired strangers and don't really care if they are in danger.

Jesus talks about himself as The GOOD Shepherd, and he talks about us as his sheep. Jesus loves and protects us just like the good shepherd loves and cares for his sheep. That is why Jesus wants us to listen to *his* voice. How do we know we are listening to his voice? He gives us our fathers and mothers who are good and who love us and protect us from harm. He gives us good teachers, police officers, fire fighters, doctors, nurses and all those who want to teach us good things and protect us from harm. When you listen to their voice, you are listening to the voice of Jesus—our Good Shepherd.

## The Good Shepherd

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Stranger  
Life  
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