

# *Parish of Saint Martin of Tours*

*40 Seaman Avenue, Bethpage, New York 11714*



*Fifth Sunday of Easter*  
*Mothers Day - May 10, 2020*



## **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.



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

**Mon. May 11**

9AM Mothers Day Novena

**Tues. May 12 Saints Nereus & Achilleus, Martyrs  
 Saint Pancras, Martyr**

9AM Mothers Day Novena

**Wed. May 13 - Our Lady of Fatima**

9AM Mothers Day Novena

**Thurs. May 14 - Saint Mathias, Apostle**

9AM Mothers Day Novena

**Fri. May 15 - Saint Isidore**

9AM Mothers Day Novena

**Sat. May 16**

9AM Mothers Day Novena

5PM Lena Simon

**Sun. May 17 - Sixth Sunday of Easter**

7:30AM Mothers Day Novena

10AM Rasmussen, Schweiger & Fryer Families

12PM Louis & Inez Serventi, Amy Dane

Barbara & Pat Cardone

Lorraine & Joshua Bonamassa

5:30PM The People of the Parish

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Mon. Acts 14:5-8; John 14:21-26

Tues Acts 14:19-28; John 14: 27-31a

Wed. Acts 15:1-6; John 15:1-8

Thurs. Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; John 15:9-17

Fri. Acts 15:22-31; John 15:12-17

Sat. Acts 16:1-10; John 15:18-21

**Sun. Acts 8:5-8, 14-17** *Philip proclaimed Christ as Lord to the people of Samaria. They believed and were baptized. Peter and John came and laid hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.*

**1 Peter 3:15-18** *Peter instructed the disciples to be gentle and reverent when explaining their hope in Christ, instead of harsh and irreverent. It is better to suffer for doing good, than for doing evil.*

**John 14:15-21** *Jesus tells the apostles to keep his commandments, and he will ask the Father to give them another Advocate. He will not leave them as orphans.*



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

To SMT Parishioners,

For now, we will accept non-perishable food donations at the back of the pantry on Mondays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. or in the red wagon located in the church.

If you prefer to write a check, please make it payable to *St. Martin of Tours* and write OPERATION HOPE in the memo line. It can be mailed or dropped off at the rectory office and placed in the door mail lot.

*Thank you all so much! God keep you safe & blessed,  
Mary Vitti & the Pantry Volunteers*

**Parish Outreach Food Pantry**  
208 Broadway, Bethpage NY  
Phone: (516) 931-7332

**THE PANTRY IS AVAILABLE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY.**



The Bread & Wine  
Week of May 10 - May 16, 2020  
In Loving Memory of  
Angela, Pat & Sophie Critelli  
Emily Esposito

The Sanctuary Candle  
Week of May 10 - May 16, 2020  
In Loving Memory of  
Lena Simon



*Rest in the Peace of Christ*  
*Joseph Sparacio*

**As well as Victims of COVID-19  
throughout the world.**

**REMINDER:** Please call the rectory at 931-0818 or email [gamit1946@hotmail.com](mailto:gamit1946@hotmail.com) 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 Baciуска, 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 Colletouri, 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*

**T**oday's readings are very appropriate during this current time of pandemic. We are reminded that we are all "living stones" at a time when we cannot worship together within the "physical stones" of the church building. The "living stones" of the domestic church continue to announce the praising of him who called us out of darkness into light! On our parish app, on the Facebook group, and in the bulletin you have been provided many different resources to live the faith as "living stones" within the stones and wood of your houses in the community.

Jesus reminds the apostles, "Do not let your hearts be troubled." We need to hear those words now, and always. Jesus remains the Way, the Truth, and the Life, during this unusual time in our history. Today as a nation we honor those mothers in our lives who have been there when our hearts were troubled to show us the way. All mothers, as well as our First Communicants, and all families are invited to receive Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament this afternoon from 1:30 to 2:00 in front of the church on Central Avenue. Please remain in your cars as you drive westbound from Seaman Avenue to Broadway.

We will begin our Mother's Day Novena of 9 days of Masses for our mothers living and deceased. Please return the special envelopes (or any envelope clearly marked "Mother's Day Novena) with the names you wish to enroll as soon as possible. You may also email me the names (fathercostigan@gmail.com) with "Mother's Day Novena" in the subject line. You could then mail or return the envelope at your convenience and as your circumstances allow.

Thank you to all who have continued your stewardship of the parish during this difficult time. Your generosity has allowed us a sense of continuity so that once we "return" we will not have to make any major changes. We are all in this together making sacrifices for OUR parish. Although we would have liked to have a more formal rollout for online giving, we have had a greater than anticipated response to VANCO. Please give serious consideration to switching to online giving not only during this time but into the future. It allows for safe and consistent support of the parish.

**I would like to give you some updates on the Sacraments of Initiation here at SMT during this time.**

**REGARDING BAPTISM:** like the other sacraments, baptisms are not currently being celebrated, outside of emergency situations. We thank all families for their understanding and generosity. When baptisms resume, it is likely they will be celebrated in small groups (just parents and godparents and immediate family). We will be as flexible as possible in scheduling and accommodate any reasonable request.

We are currently finalizing a process of Online Baptismal Preparation for those families who could not attend the Baptism Gatherings. You will be contacted in the near future. We also strongly encourage all families who are expecting a child or who have newborns to contact us. Although we cannot schedule a baptism, we can assist you in completing the pre-baptismal instruction now (especially while you may have extra time). This way there would be no delay in scheduling the baptism in the future. As always, please look at the requirements for baptism sponsors BEFORE asking anyone to be a sponsor!

**REGARDING FIRST COMMUNION:** May 2nd and 9th many of our younger Christians would have received Jesus in the Most Holy Eucharist for the first time. These celebrations will be rescheduled in the future, although most likely in smaller groups. Our First Communicants are urged to pray prayers of Spiritual Communion each day and spend time before the Blessed Sacrament if you feel comfortable. Families of First Communicants (and anyone in the parish) are invited to come for "drive-by" Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament this coming Sunday, May 10, from 1:30 to 2:00 in front of the church on Central Avenue. Please remain in your car and drive West from Seaman Avenue toward Broadway.

**REGARDING CONFIRMATION:** We have received word that all confirmations with the bishops are cancelled for the rest of the calendar year 2020. This includes our rescheduled confirmation in June. Confirmations will be celebrated in the parish. More information to come.

Finally, as the weather is getting nicer, I would like to begin to go around the parish to bless houses (from the outside). To arrange for a house blessing, please EMAIL me (fathercostigan@gmail.com) with "House Blessing" in the subject line. Include your name, address, contact number, email, and the best day or time of day. Once I receive the requests I will put together a schedule and respond.

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

#### **HEARTFELT THANKS TO THE PEOPLE OF ST. MARTIN OF TOURS**

Through the efforts of Lucy McNamara, Ron Baumbach and Father Chris, iPhone/iPad devices were donated by our parishioners prompting a thank you letter from Northwell Health. This idea afforded our parish to bring some joy to patients suffering from COVID-19.

*Dear Ron, Lucy & Father Chris Costigan:*

*On behalf of our frontline staff at Northwell Health, we are incredibly humbled by your thoughtful generosity, as well as that of the entire St. Martin of Tours Catholic Parish. Your iPhone/iPad donation will allow our heroes on the frontline to facilitate connections between our patients and their loved ones during this time of unprecedented need — an invaluable gift. We are so grateful for your desire to make a lasting difference in so many lives.*

*With deepest gratitude,  
Sven Gierlinger, SVP, Chief Experience Officer*

*With gratitude, Nicole*

**Nicole Thigpen Felix**  
Senior Director, Campaign  
Northwell Health Foundation  
2000 Marcus Avenue  
New Hyde Park, NY 11042



**5 MILLION ROSARIES FOR OUR LADY OF FATIMA**

*“God wishes to establish in the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart. If what I say to you is done, many souls will be saved and there will be peace.” Our Lady of Fatima, July 13th, 1917*

The World Apostolate of Fatima, USA, in union with its international member nations, welcomes you to Our Lady of Fatima’s spiritual bouquet – World Rosary 2020. This spiritual bouquet of prayers and sacrifices is being offered for families, for life, for the Church and for the triumph of the Immaculate Heart. **It is easy to join in. Just go to [info@worldrosary.org](mailto:info@worldrosary.org) and fill out the form to the right of the home page to enter your prayers and penances.**

Father Carlos Cabecinaas, rector of the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima in Portugal, will offer our spiritual bouquet to Our Lady in the Chapel of Apparitions on May 13 and October 13 in a solemn and beautiful ceremony. **TOGETHER WE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD!** As a Fatima family, united in prayer and sacrifice, we can counter the battle that is waging on earth, according to the prophetic words of Fatima seer Sister Lucia to Cardinal Carlos Caffarra: “The final battle between the Lord and the reign of Satan will be about marriage and the family..., because this is the decisive issue. However, Our Lady has already crushed its head.”

***Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us!***



*May 13  
Feast of Our Lady of Fatima*

**Prayer to Our Lady of Fatima**

*O Most Holy Virgin Mary, Queen of the most holy Rosary, you were pleased to appear to the children of Fatima and reveal a glorious message. We implore you, inspire in our hearts a fervent love for the recitation of the Rosary. By meditating on the mysteries of the redemption that are recalled therein may we obtain the graces and virtues that we ask, through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer.*



*A Blessing for All Mothers*

Dearest Mother,

We ask your intercession for the blessing of God upon all women who serve Him in their role as mother - whether naturally, through adoption, or as one thought of by others as mother. Ask your Divine Son to give them the grace of surrendered love so that they could join with you in giving their own "Fiat." May they find daily strength to say yes to the call to the sacrificial love - the very heart of the vocation of motherhood. May their love and witness be a source of great inspiration for all of us called to follow your Son. We remember, too, our mothers who have gone before us. May they share with you the joy of eternal happiness. We ask this through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord and Redeemer. Amen.





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>

### *An Act of Spiritual Communion*

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there  
and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. 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.

### 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](http://004parishstmartinoftours) to [516-271-3338](http://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!*

## Charismatic Prayer Group

*Happy Mothers Day to all!* Don't forget our Blessed Mother! She loves us and is always ready to intervene for us. Remember, Jesus cannot refuse His Mother's request if it is for our benefit. Give Mary a special gift today. Say the rosary and dedicate it to the desires of her Sacred Heart. **We will continue our ZOOM meeting on Monday, May 11th at 7:30 p.m. Here is the connection information you will need to join us. Call 516-993-9672 for more information or prayer requests.**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8067813931?pwd=NDE5a0lNaUQ0cDdkVDJERm00UC9vUT09>

Meeting ID: 806 781 3931 Password: stmartin

**or**

Dial by your location +1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

Meeting ID: 806 781 3931



## FORMED FOR ADULTS

### The 13th Day

In a world torn apart by persecution, war, and oppression, three children in Fatima, Portugal, were chosen by God to offer an urgent message of hope to the world.

Based on the memoirs of the oldest seer, Lucia Santos, and many thousands of independent eye-witness accounts, *The*

*13th Day* dramatizes the true story of three young shepherds who experienced six apparitions of Our Lady between May and October 1917, which culminated in the final prophesied Miracle of the Sun on October 13. Abducted from their homes, thrown into prison, and interrogated under the threat of death in the government's attempt to silence them, the children remained true to their story about the crucial messages from Mary of prayer, repentance, and conversion for the world.

Our Lady gave a secret to the children told in three parts, from a harrowing vision of hell, to prophetic warnings of future events including the advent and timing of the Second World War, the spread of Communism, and the attempted assassination of the Pope. This movie is not rated, but was created with an adult audience in mind. *It may contain violence indicative of the life and times of the saint or character portrayed. We would recommend Parental Guidance and that parents preview it before watching with children.*

### **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.





## 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?**



**Northwell  
Health**<sup>SM</sup>

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 stressful time.

—St. Martin of Tours

**#SMTPIMwecare4them**

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**Bulletin Reflection:** During this time, let these words from today's Gospel penetrate into our heart, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me."

**Living Stewardship ~ Pillar of Prayer:** Jesus tells us to not let our hearts be troubled. During this time, these words have so much meaning. God understands our sufferings and pains and He listens to our calls for help. Mother Angelica once mentioned that we can give our broken hearts to Jesus. So, during this time of pain, suffering, fear and isolation, do not let your heart be troubled... call out to God and seek His Love.

### 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 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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### *To Jesus Through Mary*



When Catholics pray to Mary they are *not* worshipping her, rather they are *honoring* her and asking for her intercession on their behalf — in fact, more than praying “to” her, we pray “with” Mary, asking her to pray with and for us. St. Louis de Montfort uses an incredible analogy of a peasant requesting a favor from a king, to explain Mary’s role in our relationship with God:

*It is as if a peasant, wishing to gain the friendship and benevolence of the king, went to the queen and presented her with a fruit which was his whole revenue, in order that she might present it to the king. The queen, having accepted the poor little offering from the peasant, would place the fruit on a large and beautiful dish of gold, and so, on the peasant’s behalf, would present it to the king. Then the fruit, however unworthy in itself to be a king’s present, would become worthy of his majesty because of the dish of gold on which it rested and the person who presented it.*

We are that peasant — sinful and broken — wishing to gain the favor of the King. Mary, Queen of Heaven, willingly takes our messy, imperfect prayers and purifies, sanctifies, and beautifies them; placing them on a dish of gold before our King, Jesus. <https://lifeteen.com/blog/catholics-worship-mary/>



**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	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**

**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.

### **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.

### **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/UCMFILnxH4u0ISA-yELRw?view\\_as=subscriber](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMFILnxH4u0ISA-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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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>

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**Maternity Services Catholic Home Bureau 1 (800) 592-4357  
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### MOVING FORWARD CAUTIOUSLY

As we move more deeply into spring and the beautiful month of May, we still find ourselves in shock and fear over the ordeal we are going through. The pandemic may be claiming fewer lives, but we are still in danger and cannot let down our guard. New York City has been at the epicenter of the virus. While other parts of the country "open up," we must still take great precautions. We are required to wear a mask and keep six feet apart if possible. We must be responsible to carefully discard used masks and gloves in waste cans, and certainly not drop them in parking lots or toss them out of car windows. That leaves essential workers the job of cleaning up after us risking their health even further. We must stay inside as much as possible if we are vulnerable. We must check on our neighbors, write a letter to someone we know in a nursing home, and most importantly, pray for those who go to work every day for the purpose of saving lives - nurses, doctors, police, firefighters, EMT's, ambulance drivers and all those who are on the front lines during this pandemic.

Years from now we will remember these days of worry and talk of how we came through them stronger by God's grace. We will be grateful to God for the truly important blessings we have received from Him. We have had to give up many things, but the joy of being with family and friends counted for much more. And above all, our faith in God's love for each one of us will be both more visible in our lives and rooted more deeply in our hearts.

**CATHOLIC NEWS AGENCY: RELIGIOUS AMERICANS SAY CORONAVIRUS CRISIS HAS STRENGTHENED THEIR FAITH:** About 24% of Americans and about 35% of Christians told *Pew Survey* that their faith had grown stronger. However, about 47% of Americans said their faith hadn't grown much. Of all respondents, those who attended religious services at least monthly tended to say their faith had grown stronger. Among those who attended services a few times a year, 26% said their faith had become stronger. The same survey found 55% of Americans have said they prayed for an end to the pandemic, including about 68% of Catholics.

Our Respect Life Committee members are safe and well. All of our members are locked down careful not to be in harm's way as this pandemic, hopefully, levels off and begins to decline. A phone call is a welcome visit to some of our parishioners that are unable to leave home and may be locked down for quite a while.

#### UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS - COVID-19 A PRAYER OF SOLIDARITY

- For all who have contracted coronavirus, we pray for care and healing.
- For those who are particularly vulnerable, we pray for safety and protection.
- For all who experience fear or anxiety, we pray for peace of mind and spirit.
- For affected families who are facing difficult decisions between food on the table or public safety, we pray for policies that recognize their plight.
- For those who do not have adequate health insurance, we pray that no family will face financial burdens alone.
- For those who are afraid to access care due to immigration status, we pray for recognition of the God-given dignity of all.
- For our brothers and sisters around the world, we pray for shared solidarity.
- For public officials and decision-makers, we pray for wisdom and guidance.

Father, during this time may your Church be a sign of hope, comfort and love to all. Grant peace. Grant comfort. Grant healing. Be with us, Lord. Amen.

*"The Lord saves us from the darkness that we have inside, from the darkness of everyday life, of social life, of political life." Pope Francis.*

**Bishops condemn Covid-related racist incidents; call for 'stronger resolve toward unity'**

(source: LI Catholic 5/6/2020 [www.licatholic.org](http://www.licatholic.org))

**WASHINGTON** – Calling reported racist incidents against Americans of Asian and Pacific Island heritage fueled by the COVID-19 virus "absolutely unacceptable," three U.S bishops released a statement May 5th expressing deep concern. Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez of Philadelphia, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee for Cultural Diversity in the Church, Bishop Oscar A. Solis of Salt Lake City, chairman of the USCCB's Subcommittee on Asian and Pacific Island Affairs, and Bishop Shelton Fabre of Houma-Thibodaux, chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee Against Racism jointly issued the statement below:

"The pandemic resulting from the new coronavirus continues to sweep across the world, impacting our everyday behavior, practices, perceptions, and the way we interact with one another. While we have been heartened by the countless acts of charity and bravery that have been modeled by many, we are also alarmed to note the increase in reported incidents of bullying and verbal and physical assaults, particularly against Americans of Asian and Pacific Island heritage.

"While a high percentage of Asian Americans work in the health care sector risking their own health to save lives, some have experienced rejection and requests to be treated 'by someone else.' Way before state and local ordinances brought to a halt almost every economic sector in the country, communities across the country, from Oakland, California to New York City, reported a sharp decline in the patronage for businesses owned and operated by Asian Americans. These are only a few painful examples of the continuing harassment and racial discrimination suffered by people of Asian and Pacific Islanders and others in our country.


"As Catholic bishops, we find these actions absolutely unacceptable. We call on Catholics, fellow Christians and all people of good will to help stop all racially motivated discriminatory actions and attitudes, for they are attacks against human life and dignity and are contrary to Gospel values. As we wrote in our pastoral letter *Open Wide Our Hearts* (2018), racism is 'a failure to acknowledge another person as a brother or sister, created in the image of God.' "Our hearts go out to all those who have been victims of these vile displays of racism and xenophobia. These dreadful occurrences are a reminder that, in an environment of increased anxiety and fear, racial profiling and discrimination continue to negatively impact the lives of certain populations, adding to the pain and suffering already caused by the pandemic.

"The acts of violence and unjust discrimination evoke and prod a long history of xenophobia and racism in this country. If uncontested, they could lead once again to a normalization of violence and abuse against particular groups. It would be a tragedy for the United States to repeat this history or for any American to act as if it is appropriate to do so. "Rather, the reality of the times and all the suffering caused by this pandemic call for a stronger resolve towards unity, demonstrated through acts of solidarity, kindness and love toward one another, so that we can emerge from this crisis renewed and stronger as one American people; a people that places value in every human life, regardless of race, ethnic origin, gender or religious affiliation.

"While we continue to pray fervently for an end to the pandemic caused by the COVID-19 virus, we call for a firm rejection of racial categorizations or presumptions, racially based verbal assaults or slurs, and for an end to all forms of violence. We ask our elected officials and public institutions, as well as all public figures, to do all that they can to promote and maintain peace in our communities; and we encourage all individuals, families and congregations to assist in promoting a greater appreciation and understanding of the authentic human values and cultural contributions brought by each racial heritage in our country."

Let me describe something and see if you can guess what this is. It is fluffy and white. It is something that you can eat. You may like to eat it with butter and salt added. It is fun to eat it while watching a video. Yes, it is popcorn.



Now look at this.  Describe what you see. You see popcorn? How can that be? This is not fluffy and white; it is yellow and very hard. Would it taste good with butter and salt added? No, you cannot eat it while it is in this form. When heat is applied to the kernels of corn, steam forms inside the kernel causing it to change its appearance and pop or explode into a tasty treat that we can eat.

In the Bible Jesus tells his disciples, **“Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me...”** (14:11). This is a difficult verse for many of us to understand. How can Jesus also be God the Father? It may help to think about it in the way we see two different forms of popcorn. Both the kernels and the fluffy white popcorn we eat are both popcorn, but in two different forms. Jesus also says something else that is an important thing to remember. **“Don’t let your heart be troubled. Believe in God. Believe also in me”** (14:1).

## "I Am the Way"

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6

Based on John 14:1-14



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