

Parish of Saint Martin of Tours

40 Seaman Avenue, Bethpage, New York 11714



*If you love me,
you will keep my commandments.
And I will ask the Father,
and he will give you
another Advocate,
to be with you forever.*

John 14.15-16

*Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 17, 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 Ileka, Associate Pastor
- Rev. Vincent Schifano, Associate Pastor
- Rev. Deacon Thomas R. Hennessy
- Rev. Deacon Christopher P. Quinn

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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 18 - Saint John I, Pope & Martyr
9AM Mothers Day Novena

Tues. May 19
9AM Mothers Day Novena

Wed. May 20 - Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest
9AM George Spindler, Anniversary
7PM Thomas P. LaFalce, Sr.

Thurs. May 21 - THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
12 PM People of the Parish

Fri. May 22 - Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious
9AM Irene Mosca

Sat. May 23
9AM Mary Henson
5PM Michael Cantwell

Sun. May 24 - Seventh Sunday of Easter
7:30AM People of the Parish
10AM Jean & Frank Portelli
12PM Paul Fidnarick, Birthday Remembrance
Patrick & Mary Foley, Jean Silano
Frank Farella

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. Acts 16:11-15; John 15:26-16:4a

Tues Acts 16:22-34; John 16:5-11

Wed. Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; John 16:12-15

Thurs. Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23
Matthew 28:16-20

Fri. Acts 18:9-18; John:16:20-23

Sat. Acts 18:23-28; John 16:23b-28

Sun. Acts 1:12-14 *After Jesus ascended to heaven, the apostles together with some women, and Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and his brothers prayed in the upper room where they were staying.*

1 Peter 4:13-16 *Peter told believers that whoever is made to suffer as a Christian should not be ashamed but glorify God because of the name.*

John 17:1-11a *Jesus raises his eyes to heaven saying, "Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son so that your son may glorify you, just as you gave him authority over all people..." In John's gospel, "the hour has come" refers to his impending death on the cross as part of the Last Supper Discourse.*



"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 17 - 23, 2020

In Loving Memory of
Matthew Smytkowski

The Sanctuary Candle
Week of May 17-23, 2020

The People of
St. Martin of Tours



Rest in the Peace of Christ

**All Victims of COVID-19
throughout the world.**

REMINDER: Please call the rectory at 931-0818 or email 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 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

From the Office of Bishop John O. Barres**STATEMENT****DATE: May 12, 2020****RE: COVID-19 Update:
Preparation for the Reopening of Public Mass****FROM: Most Reverend John O. Barres, Bishop of Rockville Centre**

The Coronavirus has affected society and the Church in ways unlike anything we have experienced in our lifetimes. None of us could have imagined the impact on our families, our livelihoods, and our practice of the Faith. As treatments for the sick and potential vaccines are developed, it is important that we act prudently for everyone's well being, body and soul.

What has the Church been doing?

Hospital chaplains have heroically ministered to the sick throughout this crisis and parish food pantries continue to support those most in need. Your priests have adapted as best they can to the limits of "distance ministry" while struggling to manage the devastating impact on our parishes and schools. Catholic school teachers, administrators and Faith Formation volunteers are admirably upholding standards of excellence while keeping our children engaged online. Catholic Charities is addressing the physical and emotional needs of people around the clock.

We know that there is a hunger to return to public Mass and the celebration of the Sacraments. Pray that this hunger spreads among active and inactive Catholics, so that our Churches may soon be filled and experience a lasting renewal when we reemerge.

The challenges facing us:

Much is still unknown about the virus and how best to deal with it. As a result, many decisions are actually judgment-calls based on a review of the information available. What is known is that the virus is deadly, particularly for the elderly and vulnerable. As of this writing, nearly 75,000 have contracted the virus and over 3,500 souls have returned to God, just within the territory of our Diocese. May our Heavenly Father welcome them and comfort their families. Our hospital systems, front-line doctors, nurses and support staffs were very nearly overrun.

All of this leaves us with an enormous challenge: **when and how to reestablish public liturgies in a way that does not irresponsibly place the common good and the health of our people in grave danger.** These are serious moral issues. If we can protect the sanctity of human life and the stability of our healthcare system by cooperating with sensible limitations and safety practices, then we have a moral obligation to do so. This is not a surrendering of our right to practice our Faith. It is an exercise of our moral responsibility for the common good. Therefore, we are carefully forming our plan for the reopening of public Mass in consultation with medical experts and civil authorities who share in our responsibility for the common good.

The Holy Mass

The Holy Mass is the sacrifice of Jesus Christ for our Salvation (Catechism of the Catholic Church – Article 3, Paragraphs 1322 – 1419). The Mass unites us to the sacrifice of Christ, the gift of himself to the Father for us. Spiritual Communion, which has been a continual part of the Church's theology through Saints Augustine, Aquinas, John Vianney, John Paul II and others, has allowed us to remain united to the Lord's Body and Blood, offered daily by our priests, even when we are not physically present or do not physically receive Holy Communion.

Considerations for Reopening

The conditions on Long Island are being carefully monitored and preparations are being made. **However, we do not yet have a date for reopening public Masses.** Medical experts and civil authorities have urgently asked that congregate gatherings of any size remain suspended until we better understand the risks and how they are managed.

When it is determined that we can gather for Mass with reasonable safety, it will likely involve precautions that will require everyone to make sacrifices. However, the Mass is not our "personal possession." It is a gift from God entrusted to the Church. Therefore, the dignity of the Mass and the Church's liturgical laws must be respected and observed. Certain elements of the Mass can be adapted while others cannot because we do not have the authority to alter them.

Limitations may involve facial coverings or masks, limits on seating capacity to maintain social distancing, changes to the Mass schedule to allow for cleaning, modified procedures for the distribution of Holy Communion, etc. This will involve tremendous coordination between clergy, parish staffs and volunteers, as well as training and preparation. Guidelines and protocols are being developed that will be shared with pastors. The dispensation from the obligation to physically attend Mass will likely remain in place for a time, especially to protect the elderly and most vulnerable among us.

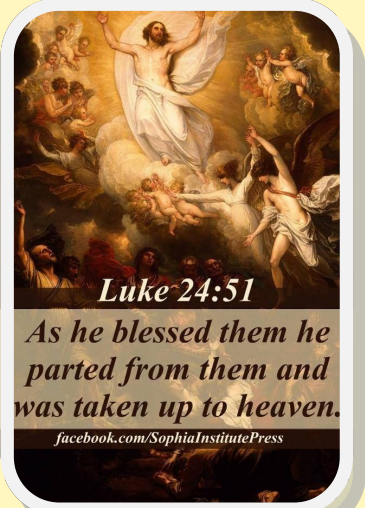
Other Sacraments

The period of isolation has delayed celebrations of Baptisms, First Communions, Confirmations and Weddings. Funeral Masses for loved ones have also been postponed. We understand the sorrow and sacrifice of those awaiting the celebration of Holy Sacraments. Please understand the enormous stress that this will place upon your very limited number of priests, some of whom are older and particularly vulnerable because of health concerns. We ask for your patience, understanding and compassion as your clergy serves you as best we can through these complex and very challenging times.

Our Prayers and our Gratitude


Dear friends, thank you for your prayers and support throughout this crisis. Your parish Church depends on weekly contributions in order to survive and carry on Christ's saving mission. The loss of Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday collections is a serious hardship for the functioning of a parish. Likewise, Catholic Charities, our Catholic Schools, and the Catholic Ministries Appeal all rely on support from the Faithful to carry out their missions. We are so grateful for your dedication, especially during these most challenging times. Please know that you are remembered in my prayers and daily Masses.

The risen Christ has won the victory over death. His grace will strengthen us to carry this cross so as to share in his resurrection.



Mass of the Ascension of the Lord
Thursday, May 24th
Father Chris will be live streaming
12 Noon

Behold, I am with you always,
even to the end of the age, alleluia!
Matthew 28:20



5 MILLION ROSARIES FOR OUR LADY OF FATIMA
 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 and fill out the form to the right of the home page to enter your prayers and penances.

Pray to Fatima Children to Intercede for Coronavirus

Two young saints who died during the influenza epidemic of 1918 are among ideal intercessors for us as we battle the coronavirus today.


Prayer to Saints Jacinta and Francisco Marto for this time of pandemic

Saints Jacinta and Francisco Marto, dear shepherd children of Fatima, you were chosen by Heaven to see Our Blessed Mother and to deliver her message of conversion to a world that had strayed far from God. You who suffered so greatly and died from the Spanish flu, the pandemic of your time, pray for us who suffer in the pandemic of our times, that God may have mercy upon us.

Pray for the children of the world. Pray for our protection and an end to what plagues us physically, mentally and spiritually. Pray for our world, our countries, the Church, and for the most vulnerable people who are suffering and in need of healing. Little Shepherds of Fatima, help us to come to the refuge of Mary's Immaculate Heart, so to receive the graces we need at this time, and to come to the beauty of the life that is to come. We trust, as you did, in the words of our Blessed Mother who taught you to, "pray the rosary every day in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary, because only *she* can help you." Amen.

St. John Paul II repeated the words of Jesus from the Gospels, connecting them to the young Saints when he added, "Father, to you I offer praise, from what you have hidden from the learned and clever you have revealed to the merest Children."

To read the full article go to <https://www.ncregister.com/blog/joseph-pronechen/a-prayer-to-this-brother-and-sister-9-and-11-to-intercede-for-coronavirus>





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>



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.

OUR WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIFT



Online Offertory Giving

Text: [004parishstmartinoftours](text:004parishstmartinoftours)
To: 516-271-3338

Your weekly donations can be made from your phone.

Please text [004parishstmartinoftours](text:004parishstmartinoftours) to [516-271-3338](tel: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!

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.

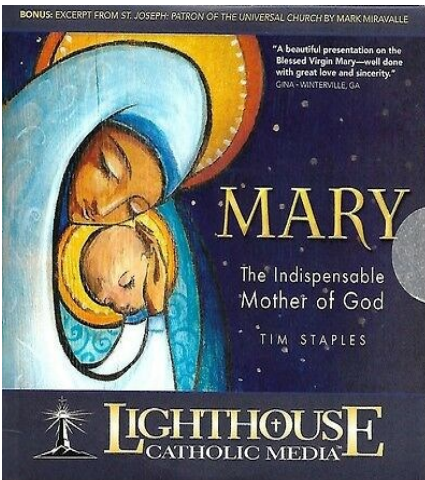


Bulletin Reflection: The first pillar of Christian Stewardship is all about becoming aware of your own worth and the worth of others. When you are hospitable to others you are showing the fact that they are worthy. As human beings created in the likeness of God, we all deserve the right to life and respect. Jesus also tells us that whatever we do for the least of our brothers and sisters, we do for Him.

Living Stewardship ~ Pillar of Hospitality: A smile, a good gesture and a nice attitude go a long way. Do those things to show the world you are a Christian.

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.



FORMED FOR ADULTS

**Mary: The Indispensable Mother of God by Tim Staples
video 58 minutes**

Tim Staples explains the incredible impact that the Church's understanding of Mary has on our spiritual lives, and the profound way that Marian doctrines and dogmas safeguard what we believe about her Son.

Using penetrating insights and humor, Tim shows how correct knowledge of our humble Mother reveals our own identity in Christ and empowers us to say "Yes" to God!

Charismatic Prayer Group

It's hard to believe that we are starting the third month in isolation. Some wonder, "Is there anything good coming from this?" Well, there's less pollution. Los Angeles has clear blue skies! Crime is down - even the criminals are in isolation. Families in isolation are connecting on levels they couldn't have imagined. Creativity is way up! People are praying more. We're realizing what's really important and will come through this stronger than ever.

Join us on ZOOM on Mondays at 7:15 p.m. 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 (NY) Meeting ID: 806 781 3931



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 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 so we know to expect it.


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
Bethpage, NY · Founded in 1923


#SMTPIWecare4them

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.

Office of Communications - April 2020

White Mass is so named for the white coats and uniforms worn by many healthcare professionals. ***This Mass will air on Catholic Faith Network (CFN) from St. Agnes Cathedral, Sunday May 17th at 11a.m.***

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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.



*O Sacrament Most Holy, O Sacrament Divine,
All Praise and All Thanksgiving Be Every Moment Thine.*

On Sunday, May 10th in honor of our First Communicants and their families as well as for Mother's Day, Father Chris and Father Sylvester were in front of our church on Central Avenue from 1:30pm to 2:00pm for the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

It is so important to keep the Holy Eucharist in the forefront for our children. Encourage them to attend Mass with you on any one of the sources provided (p. 11 of this bulletin) and also found on our parish Facebook page. Also you may want to teach them the Act of Spiritual Communion below.

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.



FUN FACTS

Look at the picture of Father Chris above. Why are his hands covered over the monstrance?

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament is different from a normal priestly blessing. The priest in Benediction does *not* bless the people. Rather the priest holds the Blessed Sacrament Who is the Lord Jesus Christ, and Christ Himself directly blesses the people. Again, it is not the priest who blesses in the person of Christ, but Christ *Himself* that blesses. In order to signify that he is *not* blessing the people, Father Chris covers his hands with a humeral veil which drapes over his shoulders and covers his hands (*humurus* means "shoulder" so a humeral veil is a "shoulder veil").



MOMMAS House continues to operate during the COVID-19 Pandemic as an essential service providing housing and support services to the moms and babies in our care. We need help with supplies: reusable face masks, disposable gloves, disinfectant cleaners/Lysol spray, toilet paper, paper towels, hand soap, hand sanitizer. We cannot accept donations of any used items at this time. **Please call us at 516-781-8637 or email info@mommashouse.org if you can help.** We have to purchase additional supplies and have additional staffing costs associated with this emergency and we anticipate a decrease in our normal fundraising as we cannot hold in person events for the time being. Any financial assistance to help us get through this crisis would be greatly appreciated. **Donations can be made through PayPal or by mail: MOMMAS House 1857 Wantagh Avenue, Wantagh, NY 11793.**

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

Bishop Robert Barron will be streaming a Mass daily at this link: <https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass/>

The Catholic Faith Network (CFN) optimum channel 29/137, Verizon FIOS TV channel 296, and Spectrum channel 162/471

ST. AGNES CATHEDRAL, ROCKVILLE CENTRE: Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. ET
Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. ET

ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, NEW YORK CITY— Monday—Friday 6:30 p.m. ET

OUR LADY OF LORETTO CHURCH, HEMPSTEAD—Sunday 6:00 p.m. ET

The Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist will be broadcasting their celebrations of Mass and the Divine Office throughout the day at this link

<https://youtube.com/channel/UCxomM8S2IPSFdevlZprCK3A/videos>

FOR HELP IN A CRISIS PREGNANCY

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

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**Baby Safe Haven, Safe Babies, Safe Place 1 (877) 796-HOPE
Adoption, Foster Care**

Maternity Services Catholic Home Bureau 1 (800) 592-4357

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

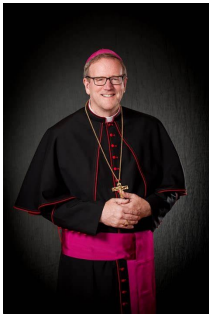
VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Marking International Nurses Day May 12, Pope Francis offered his early morning Mass for nurses who "carry out this profession which is more than a profession; it is a vocation, a commitment" "May the Lord bless them," he said. "In this time of pandemic, they have given an example of heroism (and) some have given their lives. Let us pray for nurses."

In his homily, the pope reflected on the day's Gospel reading from St. John, in which Jesus tells his disciples that he will give them a peace that is different from the peace the world offers. Jesus' peace, the pope explained, is not the promise of "peace without war, which we all want there to be always," but rather the internal peace of the heart and soul. "The peace of the world is expensive, the peace of Jesus is free, it is free; it is a gift from the Lord," the pope said.



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



The following is from Bishop Robert Barron, founder of **Word on Fire** and host of the TV series **Catholicism**. These are his thoughts on the separation we are all experiencing.

One silver lining for me during this weird coronavirus shutdown has been the opportunity to return to some writing projects that I had left on the back-burner. One of these is a book on the Nicene Creed, which I had commenced many months ago and on which I was making only very slow progress, given my various pastoral and administrative responsibilities. The last several weeks, I have been working in a rather concentrated way on the Creed book, and I find myself currently in the midst of the section on the Church: “I believe in one, holy, Catholic, and apostolic Church.” I will confess that the peculiar way that we have been forced to express the life of the Church during this quarantine period has influenced my ecclesiological reflection.

A first insight is this: we are an intensely, inescapably Eucharistic church. One of the most difficult moments that I’ve had as a bishop was participating in the decision to close our churches and to shut down the celebration of Mass with a community. Mind you, it was the right decision. I emphatically disagree with those who argue that the bishops caved in to the pressure of the secular state in making this determination. That’s nonsense. There are some very real tensions between Church and state and sometimes we have to make a stand—a good example being our vigorous opposition here in California to the legislature’s attempt to violate the seal of confession. But this is not one of those cases. Instead, we bishops agreed with the secular authorities that the churches should be closed, precisely for the well-being of our people. Having said that, the suspension of public Mass has been painful for everyone—and the principal reason for that pain is the forced fasting from the Eucharist.

Sensing this, innumerable priests and bishops all over the country—indeed, around the world—commenced to live-stream or film the liturgy, broadcasting it over Facebook, YouTube, or on television. The reaction to these representations of the Mass has been overwhelming. To give just one example, at Word on Fire, we started filming daily Mass on St. Patrick’s Day, and we’ve continued to the present, acquiring in the process well over five million views from over two hundred countries. Some priests have, furthermore, processed through the quiet streets with the Blessed Sacrament, while Catholics look on from their homes; others have placed the monstrance with the consecrated host in the windows of their residences and rectories so that people can venerate the Sacrament as they walk or drive by. And wasn’t the whole Catholic world fascinated by Pope Francis, standing in the rain and facing an empty St. Peter’s Square, as he blessed us, via television and social media, with the Eucharist?

To be sure, none of these mitigated encounters with the Eucharistic Lord is a substitute for the real thing—and that’s the point. The abstention from the Eucharist—which began, fittingly enough, during Lent—has awakened a profound hunger for what Vatican II called “the source and summit of the Christian life.” Perhaps too many Catholics had grown indifferent to the Blessed Sacrament, even, as a recent Pew Forum study indicated, ignorant of its deepest significance; and perhaps this forced starvation will have a salutary effect.

A second ecclesiological insight is this: priests are in an intensely symbiotic relationship with their people. Everyone knows that priests have been passing through a difficult period, practically without precedent in the history of the Church. The scandals of the past 25 years, culminating in the McCarrick outrage, have soured many against priests and have made priests extremely vulnerable to the charge of clericalism. Without denying for a moment that these reactions and impressions are, to a degree, legitimate, I want to insist once again that the vast, vast majority of priests are decent, prayerful men, who want nothing more than to bring Christ to their people.

And this coronavirus quarantine has powerfully confirmed this for me. During the course of the shutdown, I have personally reached out by phone or by Skype or Zoom to all the priests of my region. Like everybody else, they're a little antsy and bored, and their routines have been interrupted. But time and again, they tell me that their greatest frustration is not being able to have steady contact with their people. Priests indeed bring Christ to their parishioners through preaching, presence, and sacrament, but the people also give life to the priests, sustaining them with prayer and friendship. Keeping the people away from their priests is just bad for both people and priests, for they are, in the Mystical Body, ordered toward one another.

A third and final insight is that the Church is stubbornly incarnational. At the heart of the Catholic sensibility is the conviction that God became flesh in Jesus Christ. And Catholicism teaches that the presence of the risen Jesus is made known through words to be sure, but also through physical signs—water, oil, bread, wine, etc.—delivered by human hands and accompanied by bodily gestures. At the liturgy, we are meant to come together in close proximity so that we can pray in unison, sing in unison, process together, embrace one another, gesture in harmony with each other. In all of this, the incarnational quality of the Church becomes concretely expressed. And this is what has made the last weeks so particularly difficult for Catholics. Our faith is not primarily an internal business, something negotiated between the individual and the invisible Lord. Rather, it shows up physically and publicly, through bodies. Once again, I would hope that our fasting from togetherness will heighten our appreciation for this incarnational density of our faith.

So Catholics, don't get discouraged. Rather, use this time of deprivation and abstinence to awaken a deeper love for the Church in its Eucharistic, symbiotic, and incarnational distinctiveness. (source LI Catholic)

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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WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER - STAY CONNECTED

As we continue with social distancing and sheltering in place, we are seeing less and less of each other, at least in person, than ever before. We need joy and distraction as time passes. There will be a loneliness epidemic, which can have large and potential health impacts beyond those of COVID-19. It is increasingly challenging to be good neighbors and connect with others. We can no longer gather at Church in large groups, social gatherings, senior clubs, or even spend time with our families.

This past Mother's Day has been a challenge. Florists had lines of people in masks lined up to buy a plant for their mom, hopefully at home, or maybe to be brought to a cemetery. Families either went on Skype, Zoom, or called to wish their mother love on this day. Those in nursing homes were left without visitors, the saddest of all. Hopefully, we will see an end to this pandemic soon. But it seems that predictions are that this will be a way of life for the elderly and most vulnerable for a long time to come. This is where we need to be connected.

Each Ministry at St. Martins has a list of members that are being called to see if they are safe and well. If each of those members, calls another parishioner, a neighbor, a relative, we could make a circle of care. If a parishioner has access to Zoom or Skype, we can make visits from our home to theirs. In our neighborhoods, we could leave a note in the mailbox of an elderly neighbor, or one who is ill and not able to leave home. We could leave a book, a magazine, or offer to pick up some item from the store for those no longer able to drive to get the food they need. And, don't forget that friendly call. So many are waiting to talk to someone for a little time to pass the lonely hours.

Children have been in shut down for so long now. If you have a game, a video game that you might share with them it would be a welcome distraction. Our high school seniors are graduating without all the fanfare they were looking forward to. Prom Night and Graduation Day, will not happen this year. But, as you have seen on the news, teachers are coming by in their cars, celebrating their students by honking their horns and holding signs balloons. The kindness of the human spirit is alive and well in our country. Reaching out to one another is what our faith teaches. We walk in the footsteps of our Lord as we care for others, share with others, pray for others.

FROM JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY REMINDERS: Any solution of 1 part bleach and 5 parts water directly dissolves the protein, breaking down the covid19 virus from the inside. No bactericide or antibiotic will work because the virus is not a living organism such as bacteria; therefore, antibodies cannot kill what is not alive. The virus can survive up to 3 hours (fabric and porous), 4 hours (copper), 24 hours (cardboard), 42 hours (metal), 48 hours (wood) and 72 hours (plastic).

Wash your hands thoroughly after using the bathroom as well as before and after touching any commonly used surfaces such as: mucosa, food, locks, knobs, switches, remotes, cell phones, watches, computers, desks etc. Keep your nails short. **CONTINUE TO WEAR A MASK, STAY 6 FEET APART, WASH YOUR HANDS FOR 20 SECONDS, WEAR LATEX FREE GLOVES. PLEASE DO NOT DISCARD MASKS OR GLOVES IN PARKING LOTS OR THROWN OUTSIDE CARS. SOME PERSON WILL HAVE TO CLEAN IT UP THEREBY PUTTING THEM IN JEOPARDY OF CONTRACTING THE VIRUS.**

Remember to keep doctor appointments if you are suffering serious health issues. Some are not continuing chemotherapy and radiation, mammograms or have heart issues. It is important to call your doctor's office to make an appointment for a virtual visit from your device. Or if that is not possible, call your doctor to see you in person. The medical teams are vigilant to keep you and themselves protected by taking the temperature of staff every day as well as patients, and by disinfecting all surfaces.

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples, "if you love me, you will keep my commandments." What does that mean? Let's pretend you have a dog named Buddy. Now imagine if I came over to your house and watched you and Buddy together, how could I TELL that you love him? What kinds of things do you DO to show your love? I think your answer would be "I feed him, pet him, walk him and brush him." Then I would think, Wow! You sure do love Buddy! I can TELL that because loving him isn't something you just SAY. It is something you SHOW and how you ACT toward your pet.



So let me ask you a harder question: How can we SHOW our love to God? We can't show God our love in exactly the same ways – but we *can* show him our love. Jesus says, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." The commandments are God's special rules. Jesus says that it's not enough to just TELL God we love him. We have to SHOW God our love by DOING the right things – just like you show your love to your pets and your parents and your friends. And remember Jesus also said that he will never leave us alone. He will send a Helper, the Holy Spirit. That is how he SHOWS us that he LOVES us!

John 14:15-21



Find the following words in the puzzle.
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FOREVER
GIVE ANOTHER
HELPER

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KNOW
LIVE
LOVE
MANIFEST
MYSELF

ORPHANS
RECEIVE
SPIRIT
TRUTH
WORLD