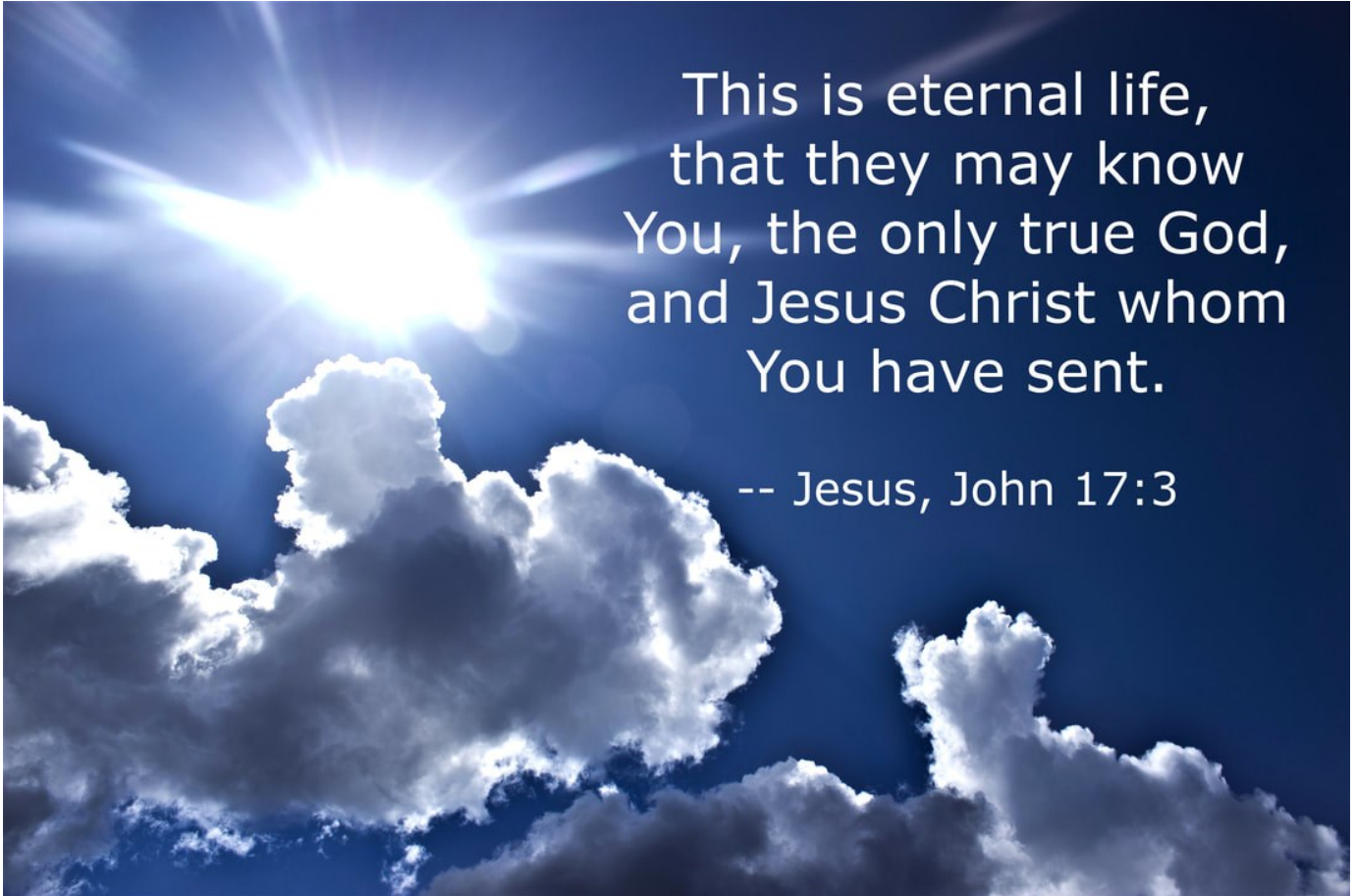


Parish of Saint Martin of Tours

40 Seaman Avenue, Bethpage, New York 11714



This is eternal life,
that they may know
You, the only true God,
and Jesus Christ whom
You have sent.

-- Jesus, John 17:3

Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 24, 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

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 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
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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

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

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 25 - St. Bede the Venerable, Priest & Doctor
 St Gregory VII Pope; St Mary Magdalene de Pazzi, Virgin
 Memorial Day**

9AM Katherine Sorrentino

Tues. May 26 - St. Philip Neri, Priest

9AM Eleanor Devlin

Wed. May 27 - St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

9AM Ronald DeMieri

Thurs. May 28

9AM

Fri. May 29

9AM Robert McCormick

Sat. May 30

9AM

5PM Bill Veltri

Sun. May 31 - PENTECOST SUNDAY

7:30AM Bill Veltri

10AM People of the Parish

12PM William & Erma Eichenlaub

Adrienne Eichenlaub Dane

Gene Kelly, David H. Bosi

5:30PM Paula Fentnor

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. Acts 19:1-8; John 16:29-33

Tues Acts 10:17-27; John 17:1-11a

Wed. Acts 20:28-38; John 17:11b-19

Thurs. Acts 22: 30; 23:6-11; John 17:20-26

Fri. Acts 25:13b-21; John 21:15-19

Sat. Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; John 21:20-25

Sun. Acts 2:1-11 *Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each of them.*

1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 *We were baptized in one Spirit no matter where we come from. We were all given to drink of one Spirit.*

John 20:19:23 *Jesus appeared to the disciples in the locked room. "Peace be with you," he said to them. "As the Father sent me, I also send you." Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."*



"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 24 - 30, 2020

In Loving Memory of
Ann & Bill Csajko

The Sanctuary Candle
Week of May 24-30, 2020

In Loving Memory of
Timothy Henderson



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 Carmentate, 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 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 Vanacore 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, Joan Happ

The Pastor's Letter



Today we celebrate the Seventh Sunday of Easter. It's hard to believe that we have one week left in the entire 50 day Easter Season, and we have not been able to gather together to celebrate. A point of liturgical trivia is that most of the country does not celebrate the Seventh Sunday of Easter, as the Solemnity of the Ascension has been transferred to this Sunday. I always thought of it as a blessing that our area of the country preserved the integrity of the solemnity on the 40th day. The days between the Ascension and Pentecost, where we find ourselves now, are traditionally days of intense prayer for the coming of the Holy Spirit in our world and in our lives.

When this crisis started I had hoped that Pentecost would be the day we returned to public worship. Sadly, that is not the case. **But I will celebrate the extended Solemn Vigil Mass of Pentecost this coming Saturday at 5pm. This Mass will be streamed on our YouTube Channel (https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMFLnxffH4u0ISA-yELRw?view_as=subscriber). Please subscribe and watch our streams directly on the YouTube Channel as we need about 800 more subscribers to unlock much needed streaming options!**

This weekend we were also planning to celebrate the Ordination to the Diaconate of our parishioner Ronald Lacsá! Unfortunately, like many things that has been indefinitely postponed. Once we hear any details, we will let you know. We thank Ronald for accepting this call from the Holy Spirit and look forward to his ordination and service to our parish. Thank you also to Deacon Tom Hennessy and Deacon Christopher Quinn who continue to serve us! If any men in the parish feel the Holy Spirit calling you to the diaconate, please feel free to speak with me or any of the parish deacons.

The Diocese of Rockville Centre has announced that Bishop-Elect Luis Romero will be ordained to the episcopate at St. Agnes Cathedral on June 29. It is likely that this will be a small gathering, depending on whatever the regulations are at the time. The ordination to the priesthood for our Diocese is scheduled for June 20. Keep these men in your prayers and always remember to pray for vocations to the priesthood!

Tomorrow our Nation observes Memorial Day. Unfortunately, we will not be able to honor our deceased soldiers in the usual ways (parades, scouts placing flags at the National Cemeteries, etc.). Nonetheless, as Americans we always show proper respect and reverence for those who sacrificed their lives for their country and for our veterans. When I was growing up learning history in school, stories of war and soldiers giving their lives were things of the past. Sadly, they are now very much part of the present and the reality of our post-9/11 world.



As we remember those who have given their lives, we pray for peace and the end of armed conflict everywhere in the world.

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

The statue of Mary was crowned with flowers last Saturday. Perhaps we can all pray the Memorare, keeping in our intentions our First Communicants and Confirmandi as they patiently wait to celebrate their special Sacrament.



REMEMBER, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.



MEMORIAL DAY

**GOD OF POWER AND MERCY,
You destroy war and put down earthly pride.
Banish violence from our midst and wipe away our tears,
that we may all deserve to be called your sons and daughters.**

**Keep in your mercy those men and women who have died in the cause of freedom
and bring them safely into Your kingdom of justice and peace.
We ask this though Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**



PLEASE PRAY CONSTANTLY FOR THOSE SERVING IN OUR MILITARY

Lord of Hosts, we commend to Your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with Your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils that beset them; and grant them Your abiding presence wherever they may be. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



MAJ Gregory Holownia, US Army
MAJ Erika Holownia, US Army
SGT Zachary John Sheehy, USMC
PVT Travis Ruggiero, US Army
SGT Dennis Diesel, USMC
SGT Matthew P. Sirianni, US Army
CPT Conor B. Murphy, USMC
CPT Victoria Meyer, US Army Nurse Corp
PO1 John Paul Pedalino II, US Navy
CPT Thomas P. Shea, USAF
SGT Michael John Kelly, USMC
1LT Brian McGrath, US Army
SPC Matthew Castellano, US Army
SSGT Michael Patrick Murphy, US Army
CPL William Corrigan, USMC
LCDR Daniel Cloonan, USCG
PVT Daniel Kuhlmann, US Army
LCPL Jonathan M. Gordon, USMC
CPT Sean O'Donnell, USAF
A1C Jake DeRossi, USAF
CPT Mike Polan, US Army
L/CPL Daniel O'Shea, USMC
PVT Salvatore Castellano, US Army
PVT Matthew Jelinek, US Army

SGT Matthew C. Windisch, USMC
E3 CORPSMAN Robert Fidnarick, US Navy
1LT Brian Thorpe, US Navy
PO3 Joshua Zimmerman, US Navy
MAJ Brendan McEvoy, US Army
PO3 James Fischer, US Navy
LTC John Evans, US Army
ABHAA Michael Creagh, US Navy
PVT Steven DiPaolo, USMC
SSGT Sean V. Oliva, US Army
2LT Samantha Lopez, US Navy
SSG George Howard, US Army
LT Mario Lopes, USMC
PVT Brian Barcavage, US Army
CS1 Andrew L. DeMarsico, USN
MAJ Thomas E. Mangiamele, US Army
PVT Edward Morales, US Army
LTC Michael F. Wendelken, USAF
PVT John Marcel, Jr USMC
LCPL Brendan M. White, USMC
PFC Clint Applegate, US Army
CPT Patrick C. Looney USAF
SGT Ryan O'Keeffe, USMC
SGT Jean Marie Cassar, US Army

**LORD GOD, ALMIGHTY FATHER,
Creator of mankind and Author of peace,
as we are ever mindful of the cost paid for the liberty we possess,
we ask You to bless the members of our armed forces.
Give them courage, hope and strength.
May they ever experience your firm support,
gentle love and compassionate healing.
Be their power and protector, leading them from darkness to light.
To You be all glory, honor and praise, now and forever. Amen.**

Our parish was highlighted in this week's edition of the Long Island Catholic Newsletter (5/20/2020) which the Diocese uses to share parish news!

BETHPAGE PARISH COLLECTION HELPS HOSPITAL PATIENTS STAY CONNECTED TO FAMILY AND FRIENDS



St. Martin of Tours Parish Partners in Mission are collecting spare iPads, iPhones or similar devices to help provide communication lifelines to hospital patients. During the COVID-19 pandemic, patients may not be allowed visitors and some have no way to communicate with family and friends. The Bethpage parish is working with Northwell Health to gather devices capable of using FaceTime. More information, including how to clear personal information from the device and arrange delivery is available on the parish website: <http://www.smtbethpage.org/>

Thank you to all who are responding to the call put out by Lucy McNamara & Partners in Mission.

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.



**OCTOBER 5 HAS BEEN DECREED AS THE
 OPTIONAL MEMORIAL OF SAINT MARIA FAUSTINA KOWALSKA, VIRGIN**

The congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments issued a Decree May 18, 2020 inscribing the celebration of Saint Maria Faustina (Helena) Kowalska, Virgin, in the General Roman Calendar. The Decree, issued on behalf of Pope Francis, came on the same day as the Church marked 100 years since the birth of Karol Wojtyla, the future Pope John Paul II, who canonized St. Faustina in 2000.



Her optional memorial will be celebrated around the world on October 5th. In the Diary of Her Soul, the Sanctuary of her encounter with the Lord Jesus, she herself recounts what the Lord worked in her for the benefit of all. Listening to Him who is Love and Mercy, she understood that no human wretchedness could measure itself against the Mercy which ceaselessly pours from the Heart of Christ. This new Memorial shall be inserted in all the Calendars and Liturgical Books for the Celebration of the Mass and the Liturgy of the Hours. Pope St. John Paul the Great, pray for us! St. Faustina, pray for us! (source: *Aleteia - a Catholic online news & information website. This piece was written by Kathleen N. Hatstrup, May 18, 2020*)



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
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!

UPDATE ON THE YOUTH MINISTRY DISNEY FUNDRAISER

Like most other things in the parish, the Youth Ministry Fundraiser night and Disney Raffle have been put on hold. Once we have more details as to how we will re-open, we will determine when to hold the raffle.

We are hoping to still have a gathering of some type in the future but that will depend on the regulations. All tickets and prizes are being held securely. Thank you for your support and understanding! - *Father Chris and the Youth Ministry Team*



The Second Pillar of Christian Stewardship: Prayer

How can we be good stewards of the Faith without God? Mother Theresa said, "God speaks in the silence of the heart. Listening is the beginning of prayer." When we pray we should allow ourselves to listen to what God wants of us and ask Him to guide us. Ask yourself right now: how can you serve God today? Tomorrow? Next week? We may know the answer... we could look at our current vocation and see how we can serve God and others.

However, sometimes it is not easy to know what God wills of you. Sometimes we may not know how to become good stewards in our community. Sometimes we may even struggle to see what is the point of being a good steward. Prayer to God can comfort us and guide us to do what we should to be the best Catholic steward we can be.

This weekend is Reflection weekend and the best way to practice this weekend is to spend some extra time in prayer. Practice Lectio Divina with the Scriptures, pray the Rosary, or simply say, "Speak Lord, your servant is listening" and sit in silence.

Living Stewardship Pray. Listen to what God is telling you. God may be moving you to do something for His church or He may be putting someone in your life and asking you to do something for them.

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.**

Charismatic Prayer Group

Good things are contagious too! Patience, Kindness, Courtesy, Sharing, Encouragement, Laughter, Creativity and Enthusiasm.

Remember, we have RESURRECTION POWER! Please join us on Monday evenings at 7:15 pm for our ZOOM prayer meeting. All are welcome. No need to belong to the group to join in. Anyone from anywhere can participate. If you have family or friends who are struggling and need some prayers and encouragement, tell them about our meeting.

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



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—

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#SMTPIMwecare4them

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.



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.



Letter to the Catholic Faithful of the Diocese of Rockville Centre
From Bishop John O. Barres
Seventh Sunday of Easter, May 24, 2020



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

In Saint John's Gospel this weekend, the Seventh Sunday of Easter, we proclaim that "Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you...'"

In reflecting on this passage, I immediately began to think about our priests in the Diocese of Rockville Centre, who glorify the Father by serving the faithful daily. These are enormously trying times for all of us, but our priests and pastors have risen to the occasion in so many creative ways. They serve the people of God through on-line Masses, blessing homes in their parishes, curbside adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and much more.

I am so grateful to each and every one of our priests who are working tirelessly to serve the people in their parishes while they are helping grieving families and tending to the sick. However, as they are doing all of this, we are not able to gather our congregations on weekends and therefore, are not receiving the offertory collections that are so very important to the financial health of our parishes.

Appreciating the anxieties you are facing, we urge you to please continue supporting your parish with weekly offertory donations. These funds are critical for the continued operation of your parish. Every day, your parish provides for the pastoral and spiritual care of its parishioners. It is there in the happiest moments in your life - weddings, baptisms, first Communions - and is a source of comfort during the most challenging times such as our current crisis or the death of a loved one. There are senior services, food pantries, youth ministries, schools, and on-going religious education. All of this depends on you! We must also prepare to fully reemerge when the crisis is over and we are able to join together again as the Body of Christ. We ask that you please consider making the sacrifice, at a minimum, to continue your current weekly level of support.

One easy way to do so is through your parish's online giving provider. Your parish may have an online giving account that can be accessed through the parish website. We have also developed a "Text to Give" option for each of our parishes enabling you to make a weekly donation on your smart phone. To access information regarding this innovative form of giving, please go to the following website <https://www.drvcmissionarygrowth.org/text2give>

I know that the faithful on Long Island understand this and will and respond as you always do in times of crisis. 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

SOURCES OF LIVE STREAMING OF MASS

For those of you who have access to the internet, please download the YouTube app and subscribe to the link below. We need as many people as possible to subscribe so that we can broadcast mass from SMT. It would be greatly appreciated.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMFILnxffH4u0_ISA-yELRw?view_as=subscriber

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

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

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

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

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

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

<https://youtube.com/channel/UCxomM8S2IPSFdevIzprCK3A/videos>

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

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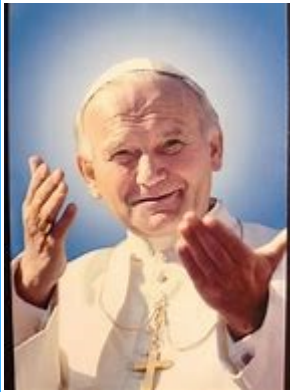
MOMMAS House continues to operate during the COVID-19 Pandemic as an essential service providing housing and support services to the moms and babies in our care. We need help with supplies: reusable face masks, disposable gloves, disinfectant cleaners/Lysol spray, toilet paper, paper towels, hand soap, 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.**

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 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



FORMED LIVE: CELEBRATING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF ST. JOHN PAUL II

This beautiful birthday tribute to Saint John Paul II by Tim Gray, president of the Augustine Institute, who is joined by Dr. Ben Akers, explains the reasons why the Pope deserves the title: St. John Paul II the Great! You will also see a beautiful icon of St. John Paul II that is displayed in the video.

What is the significance of the papal name he chose? The reason John Paul II took that name is very significant. When Albino Cardinal Luciani was elected pope, he chose two names, John, to honor Pope John XXIII, and Paul, to honor Pope Paul VI. Unfortunately, Pope John Paul died 33 days into his pontificate.

When Karol Cardinal Wojtyla was elected pope in 1978, he kept the name of his predecessor, thereby becoming Pope John Paul II.

St. John Paul II was very much a contemplative which correlates to the Apostle John, and very Marian, again, as was the Apostle John whom Jesus entrusted to care for His Mother Mary from the Cross. All the works and missionary travels attributed to Saint Paul correlates to the very active traveling and missionary work of this pope. World Youth Day was held from August 10-15, 1993 in Denver, Colorado. It was the first World Youth Day held in either North America or an English-speaking nation. He changed the young hearts of those that were there - some of whom were not very eager to see a pope. But when the helicopter bearing JP2 came into view, every single young person experienced an excitement never known before. The waves of air created from their cheering actually had the helicopter wavering as the pilot fought to gain control for a safe landing! And he is so far the most traveled pope in history.

Why should St. John Paul II bear the title "The Great?" He summoned the Church into a new Evangelization, especially releasing an updated *Catechism of the Catholic Church* which was printed to clearly define church teaching in order to dissipate any confusion and misunderstandings connected to Vatican II. His devotion to the Blessed Mother and his example of extraordinary forgiveness is beyond reproach. In 1983, John Paul II visited his would-be assassin, Mehmet Ali Ağca. They had a private conversation, and emerged as friends. The pope stayed in touch with Ağca's family during the latter's incarceration, and in 2000 requested that he be pardoned. The request was granted. But he was released and deported to Turkey, where he was imprisoned for the life sentence he had fled decades prior. He converted to Christianity while incarcerated, and was finally released in 2010. In December 2014, he returned to Rome and laid two dozen white roses at the pope's tomb.

After John Paul's death in 2005, the amount of world leaders attending his funeral was unprecedented, attesting to the holiness and integrity of this GREAT man. We will all be comforted in remembering his words - the words of Christ Himself - Be Not Afraid.

This is especially true - now - in this most difficult time in world history and for the Church - BE NOT AFRAID!

Saint John Paul II the Great, pray for us and Happy 100th Birthday!!

REMEMBERING MEMORIAL DAY AND SAINT POPE JOHN PAUL II

REMEMBERING OUR MILITARY: Memorial Day commemorates the men and women who died for their country while in the military service, particularly those who died in battle or as a result of wounds sustained in battle. We take time to memorialize the veterans who made the ULTIMATE SACRIFICE for their country. We spend time remembering those who lost their lives and could not come home, reflecting on their service and why we have the luxury and freedom that we enjoy today. We might consider how we can support and safeguard their grieving families and loved ones who are left behind.

This Memorial Day will be different than all others in our lifetime. The grand parades where veterans march in honor of those left behind, will unfortunately not take place in our state, as most have been canceled. Still, there are ways to enjoy Memorial Day weekend while sheltering in place and obeying social distancing guidelines from barbecuing at home. The Memorial Day PARADE OF HEROES online will stream first on Ancestry's Facebook page, www.facebook.com/AncestryUS at 8a.m. PT May 25. It will then be made available later to stream on www.ancestry.com. It honors our ancestors' stories of triumph and to preserve the memory of WWII, one of the most significant events in world history.

Remember to pray for THOSE SERVING IN OUR MILITARY listed in our bulletin. I am proud to say my grandson is listed among those names. Remember, they have taken the path of those we honor this weekend...pray they may come home to us safely.

CNA/EWTN: Pope St. John Paul II, who would have turned 100 years old May 18, was a man of great humility, whose nearly 27 year pontificate left a lasting impression on the Catholic Church and the world. After an upbringing marked by the sadness of losing his mother, father and brother, he endured the Nazi's occupation of Poland, worked as a laborer and clandestinely studied for the priesthood later to become cardinal archbishop of Krakow. He eventually became the most traveled pope in history and a beloved saint.

In a book published in Poland, *Milena Kindziuk* describes how Karol Wojtyla's mother chose life after her doctor advised abortion. *"She had to choose between her own life and that of the baby she was carrying, but her deep faith did not allow her to chose abortion."* One hundred years ago, on May 18, Emilia Wojtyla gave birth to her second son after a difficult and life-threatening pregnancy. He would grow up to become Pope John Paul II and was elected pope at the same time of day that he was born.

Evangelium Vitae (The Gospel of Life) unequivocally condemns abortion and euthanasia. It sharply challenges those who are part of "the network of complicity" that support such "crimes against humanity." Pope John Paul II demonstrated the power of religious and moral conviction to bend history in a more humane direction. Anyone who was able to see and hear him speak during his papacy is blessed indeed. We can only imagine him watching this worldwide pandemic saying, *"Be Not Afraid!"*

New Coronavirus Relief Bill Could Fund Abortions: The House is preparing to vote on another coronavirus relief package. Pro-life leaders warn that it could be used to fund abortions. They also point out that the stimulus bill fails to put Hyde protections in critical spots, thus allowing for taxpayer funding of abortions. The Hyde Amendment bars federal funding of elective abortions. It is not expected to pass in the Senate.

God's "One" Family

JESUS LOVES ME (– written by Anna B. Warner, 1820 -1915)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U-ryg9plBM4>

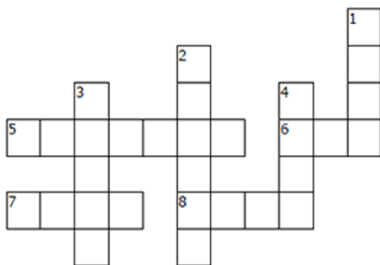
Do you know that song? It's called *Jesus Loves Me*. And he does! Jesus loves me. And he loves you too. We are all special people – all by ourselves. We have our own bodies. We have our own names, and Jesus knows and loves every one of us. There's only one of you. But even then, you are also part of a very special group that come together as "one." You are a part of one family. Some of you have very big families with brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, cousins, grandparents as well as moms and dads. That's kind of a funny thought, isn't it – that groups of people can come together as "one?" Even very big groups! In today's Gospel story, Jesus explains that he and God are "one." They are joined together in a very special way. So special that you can't have one without the other. And before he leaves the world and returns to heaven, he makes a special wish for us. He asks God to protect us and to make us one with them.

Jesus Prays for His Disciples



I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours.
 John 17:9 (NIV)

This puzzle is based on John 17:6-11 (NIV)



ACROSS

- 5. To keep from being injured or harmed
- 6. To be a single unit, object, or living being
- 7. A combination of letters that represents a thought or idea
- 8. To speak to God

DOWN

- 1. To place in the hands of someone
- 2. To receive something
- 3. That which belongs to you
- 4. Deserving special respect or reverence; worthy of worship

PRAY	GIVE	HOLY	PROTECT
ACCEPT	YOURS	WORD	ONE



heaven	Jesus	Father
believe	world	perfection
gift	glory	foundation
righteous	name	love

Parents, please let me know if your children are enjoying the puzzle page. This week we have added the hyperlink above for the children's song Jesus Loves Me. This is appropriate for younger children to help keep them focused on Jesus and our Catholic faith even though we cannot come together at this time. You can email me at gamit1946@hotmail.com with your thoughts.

Be well, safe and God bless you all! Genny Mitchell, parish secretary