

Parish of Saint Martin of Tours

40 Seaman Avenue, Bethpage, New York 11714



Pentecost Sunday

May 31, 2020

Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

If you take away their breath, they perish and return to their dust.

When you send forth your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth.

Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

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.

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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. June 1 - The Blessed Virgin Mary
 Mother of the Church**

9AM Margaret, Charlie Sr. & Jr. Reilly

Tues. June 2 - Saints Marcellinus & Peter, Martyrs

9AM Patrick & Peggy Keohane

**Wed. June 3 - St. Charles Lwanga
 and Companions, Martyrs**

9AM Kevin Healy Family

Thurs. June 4

9AM

Fri. June 5 - St. Boniface, Bishop & Martyr

9AM

Sat. June 6 - Saint Norbert, Bishop, BVM

9AM

5PM John Scully

Sun. June 7 - The Most Holy Trinity

7:30AM Jack Frost

10AM Anthony Guglielmo & Tony Romano

12PM Joseph & Robert Giugliano

Kristine Benasutti & Patricia McMahan

Philip & Bridget Fitzgerald

5:30PM The People of the Parish

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. Genesis 3:9-15 or Acts 1:12-14
 John 19:25-34

Tues 2 Peter 3:12-15a, 17-18; Mark 12:13-17

Wed. 2 Timothy 1:1-3,6-12; Mark 12:18-27

Thurs. 2 Timothy 2:8-15; Mark 12:28-34

Fri. 2 Timothy 3:10-17; Mark 12:35-37

Sat. 2 Timothy 4:1-8; Mark 12:38-44

Sun. Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9 *Moses went up to Mt. Sinai to meet the Lord God. Moses petitioned Him - "This is indeed a stiff-necked people, yet pardon our wickedness and sins, and receive us as your own."*

2 Corinthians 13:11-13 *Paul instructed the Corinthians to mend their ways, encourage and agree with one another, live in peace for the grace of Jesus Christ and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit may be with them.*

John 3:16-18 *God did not send his Son to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.*



"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 31 - June 6, 2020
In Loving Memory of
Bill Veltri



The Sanctuary Candle
Week of May 31 - June 6, 2020
In Loving Memory of
Bill Ventri

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

We have reached the 50th Day of Easter - Pentecost. As I am writing this letter, we are working on plans to slowly re-open the parish to public worship. This will be done in stages. We will soon once again have regularly scheduled times for confessions. These will likely be outdoor in a "drive-through" fashion. The completion of the construction on Seaman Avenue will determine how we can best arrange for it. Small gatherings of 10 or less are now permitted. Therefore, we are able to celebrate funeral Masses, baptisms, and weddings provided the total number in the church is 10 or less.



Families who arranged for baptisms have been contacted to reschedule. Anyone who wishes to schedule a baptism should contact us. We will be scheduling them every day of the week at any reasonable time. Online baptism preparation is available. Obviously in a parish our size we cannot again begin Sunday or weekend Masses inside the church with that restriction. However, we are looking at outdoor options (whether inside cars, bringing chairs and spacing them 6 feet out, or some combination). I have purchased a small FM transmitter so sound can broadcast to car stereos, portable radios, or smartphone apps. We are working on the logistics now. We will probably try a few different things over the next few weeks to see what works best for our situation here at SMT.

We know the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit: Wisdom, Understanding, Council, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, and Fear of the Lord. We will need them during these days of transition back into public worship. To that list, I would add just a few more "gifts" for which we should be asking the Holy Spirit. First, for the gift of *HUMILITY*. We need to be able to put aside our own personal preferences and work together during the coming months. Things will not be ideal. There are restrictions that none of us want to have. But reality is reality, and we have to respond accordingly. Rather than focus on not having things our way, let's focus on a renewed love and appreciation for the Sacrifice of Christ on the Cross that we are graced to be present at around the altar.

Let's pray for the gift of *FLEXIBILITY*. Masses may be scheduled at different times and in different places than we are used to. It's likely we will not be able to go to "my Mass" and sit in "my seat." Once we are again allowed larger numbers in the church, it is very likely that there will be some kind of organized entrance procedure. We will have to arrive early and sit where we are guided by the ushers. Depending on what cleaning procedures are required, Mass times may change.

We should ask for the gift of *GENEROSITY*. If we have limited capacity in the church (or other space), then everyone who wants to come for Mass simply could not fit in the building. It's been very odd, and in fact painful, to spend 8 weeks coming up with creative ways to keep people from gathering. Unfortunately, even as restrictions loosen we will still need to limit capacity. In a large parish like ours, that may mean some kind of reservation system or other means of scheduling. It will only work if people are generous with each other and understanding of the situation. I think of situations in parishes where limits have to be placed on Mass intentions when the Mass book is open for fear the first 5 people in line will arrange for every Mass of the year. It's likely there will be limits in order to allow for every parishioner to attend. Whatever system is put in place, we all have to respond generously.

Above all, ask for the virtue of **HOPE!** The Catechism of the Catholic Church defines hope as "*the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ's promises and relying not on our own strength, but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit.*"

On this Pentecost Sunday we recognize the gift of the Holy Spirit sent upon those gathered in the Upper Room and sacramentally on us through the generations. We know that we can get through the specific trials of this time because we keep our eyes focused on the Kingdom of Heaven and trust in the promises of Christ. As we have experienced many limitations over these weeks, we know that we do not have to count on our own strengths or worry about our limitations. ***We have to trust in Christ!***

Father Christopher Costigan, Pastor
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**NOTICE FOR THE
CELEBRATION OF MASS FOR PENTECOST**

**The parish will celebrate the Vigil of Pentecost
this Saturday, May 30th at 5PM in the main parking lot.**

I ask that you please adhere to the following regulations.

- Please approach the parking lot by coming down Seaman Avenue from Broadway.
- Cars will not be admitted to the parking lot coming from Central Avenue.
- Please follow the directions of the ushers and parking attendants.
- Please remain in your car.
- Audio will be broadcast over an FM frequency that can be received on car radio, portable radio, or cellphone apps.

In order to celebrate Mass safely and reverently over the next few weekends, we need all parishioners to cooperate with all regulations and restrictions. We will have more information in the coming days. After this weekend we will evaluate our options for the next few weekends.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and generosity in abiding by the restrictions that will allow all of us to celebrate the Mass reverently and safely!

Father Chris



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
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 SGT Ryan O'Keeffe, USMC
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Charismatic Prayer Group



Holy Spirit, light a fire in my soul. Show me the way to do the work that You have planned for me. Give me the courage and knowledge to get out of the way and do Your will. **Join us on ZOOM on Mondays at 7:15 p.m. Call (516) 993-9672 for more information or prayer requests.** 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.

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

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The Diocese has introduced a new website called Long Island Catholic + ("Plus"): www.Licplus.org. This is an enhanced version of the existing Long Island Catholic site –which still exists. We developed this site to bring you free Catholic content from around the Diocese of Rockville Centre. Most notably, we have brought together in a central location the links to the masses each parish in our diocese now live streams. I believe this website is truly unique. Inspira-

tion emanated from the many parishes now livestreaming Mass as a result of COVID-19.

In addition, the site features:

- Media from Bishop Barres
- Links to CFN & Parish Live Streams
- Coronavirus & Diocesan News
- Catechetical Content and Resources

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.



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What are the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit? Our confirmandi know these gifts full well. We continue to pray for them and our first communicants as they patiently await their special sacrament. In the meantime, as a refresher for the rest of us, here they are with an explanation.

THEY ARE TRADITIONALLY OUTLINED IN THE BOOK OF ISAIAH:

“The spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, a spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD, and his delight shall be the fear of the LORD.” – Isaiah 11:2-3

THE GIFT OF WISDOM

Piously considered the first and greatest of the gifts, according to Saint Bernard it is the “supernatural Gift of the Holy Spirit which enables us to know God and to rejoice in perfect love.” The gift includes not only illumines the mind, but the heart as well, directing it to a purer and deeper love for God.

THE GIFT OF UNDERSTANDING

The gift of understanding differs from wisdom – the desire to contemplate the things of God – in that understanding allows us to “penetrate to the very core of revealed truths.” It enables us to relate all truths to one’s supernatural purpose and further illuminates our understanding of Scripture.

THE GIFT OF COUNSEL

The gift of counsel instills in us a supernatural prudence, enabling us to judge right and wrong and choose correctly what will help us in our salvation and glorifying God. *“Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road broad that leads to destruction, and those who enter through it are many. How narrow the gate and constricted the road that leads to life. And those who find it are few.” – Matt 7:13-14*

THE GIFT OF FORTITUDE

The gift of fortitude instills in us the courage to overcome obstacles and difficulties that come with the practice of our Faith and religious duties. Aquinas says the “principal act of fortitude is endurance, that is to stand immovable in the midst of dangers rather than to attack them.”

THE GIFT OF KNOWLEDGE

The gift of knowledge enables to us to as far as humanly possible see things from God’s point of view, pointing to us the path to follow and what danger to avoid in order to obtain Salvation and go to Heaven.

“For I know well the plans I have in mind for you—oracle of the LORD—plans for your welfare and not for woe, so as to give you a future of hope.” – Jeremiah 29:11

THE GIFT OF PIETY

The gift of piety accords with reverence, inspiring a filial relationship with God so we may come to recognize our total reliance on Him and come before God with humility, trust, and love. Pope Francis said that piety “is not mere outward religiosity; it is that genuine religious spirit which makes us turn to the Father as his children and to grow in our love for others, seeing them as our brothers and sisters.”

“I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father.” – John 15:15

**THE GIFT OF FEAR OF THE LORD**

Commonly misunderstood as a fear of a God ready to smite us, the gift of the fear of Lord instills in us an awe and wonder at the glory and majesty of God – a fear of separating ourselves from God and offending Him as the same as a child fears offending his father. Pope Francis said that it “is no servile fear, but rather a joyful awareness of God’s grandeur and a grateful realization that only in him do our hearts find true peace.”

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.



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



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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!

Tune into CFN to stay connected to your faith

Catholic Faith Network (CFN) provides televised and online daily Masses from the Cathedral of Saint Agnes, as well as a variety of other devotional and spiritual programs. CFN is available on Optimum channel 29/137, Verizon FiOS TV channel 296, and Spectrum channel 162/471 and select cable and satellite systems. It can be streamed anytime at CFNTV.org or viewed on Roku, Apple TV, Amazon Fire TV, Android, or by downloading the CFN mobile app by searching "Catholic Faith Network" or "CFN" at the app store.

"The Advocate, the Holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name—He will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you." John 14:26



The Third Pillar of Christian Stewardship: Formation

Life is always unstable; we do not know what tomorrow will bring. Corona-virus reminds us that tomorrow is not guaranteed, plans get broken and we do not (and cannot) control everything. One thing we can always count on is God's Love and Providence. The more we trust in God and obey His Will, our fear for the future and despair for the present will fade away.

Living Stewardship: This week, invite the Holy Spirit into your life and heart. Like the Apostles 2,000 years ago, let us be transformed by the Holy Spirit so that we can spread the Good News everywhere we go.



Pope Francis to lead world shrines in rosary prayer for pandemic May 30

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Pope Francis will lead the major shrines around the world in praying the rosary to implore Mary's intercession and protection amid the coronavirus pandemic.

Shrines which will participate in the rosary May 30 include the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., and the shrines of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Our Lady of the Rosary of Chiquinquirá, Our Lady of Lujan, and the Virgin of Milagro. From Europe, there will be the Shrines of Our Lady of Częstochowa, Our Lady of Fatima, Our Lady of Lourdes, San Giovanni Rotondo, and Our Lady of Pompei. The National Pilgrimage Centre of Elele in Nigeria and the Shrine of Our Lady of Peace in Ivory Coast will join from Africa. The Pontifical Council for Promoting the New Evangelization has been responsible for Catholic shrines since 2017.

The pope will pray at the replica of the Lourdes Grotto in the Vatican Gardens May 30, the eve of Pentecost, and will also be joined by several "men and women representing various categories of people particularly affected by the virus," the Vatican said May 26.

The service will be at 5:30 p.m. in Rome (11:30 a.m. EDT).

"At the feet of Mary, the Holy Father will place the many troubles and sorrows of humanity, further worsened by the spread of COVID-19," said a statement released by the Pontifical Council for Promoting New Evangelization. According to the statement, the prayer, which coincides with the end of the Marian month of May, "is another sign of closeness and consolation for those who, in different ways, have been struck by the coronavirus, in the certainty that the Heavenly Mother will not disregard the requests for protection."

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.

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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

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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

RESPECT LIFE

respect • love • protect

As Long Island begins to reopen in part this week, we must keep in mind what we have learned over the last few months about coronavirus. We have a responsibility to ourselves and each other not to let our guard down or become complacent, especially now that the warmer weather and Summer is before us. Let the Gifts of the Holy Spirit include KINDNESS toward one another as we respect the life of each and every person.

- **DISTANCING:** 6 to 10 feet apart.
- **WEAR A MASK:** We have learned that wearing a mask when unable to distance from others is an important protection against this virus.
- **WASH YOUR HANDS:** Staying alert to fact that it is spread on multiple surfaces.
- **USE HAND SANITIZER:** After shopping or having touched carts, gas pumps, ATM machines.
- **WEAR GLOVES:** DISCARD GLOVES AND MASKS IN GARBAGE NOT IN PARKING LOTS OR TOSSED OUT WINDOWS. Someone will have to clean them up putting them at risk.
- **DO NOT GATHER IN CROWDS:** Person to person contact is reported to be main cause of spread.
- **DON'T FORGET YOUR NEIGHBORS, ELDERLY, THE MOST VULNERABLE:** They may not be able to return to normal contact for a long time. Call. Leave a note in a mailbox. Wave from a safe distance. Ask if they need essentials that you are able to pick up for them.
- **CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR OUR FIRST RESPONDERS.**

REMEMBER, CORONAVIRUS IS STILL HERE. HOW WE MOVE FORWARD WILL MAKE THE DIFFERENCE IN CONTAINING IT.

Six Little Stories with Lots of Meaning

1. Once all villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of prayer, all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella. That is faith.
2. When you throw babies in the air, they laugh because they know you will catch them. That is trust.
3. Every night we go to bed without any assurance of being alive the next morning, but still we set the alarms to wake up. That is hope.
4. We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future. That is confidence.
5. We see the world suffering, but still, we get married and have children. That is love.
6. On an old man's shirt was written a sentence, "I am not 80 years old; I am sweet 16 with 64 years of experience." That is attitude.

Have a happy day and live your life like these six stories. Remember - Good friends are the rare jewels of life, difficult to find and impossible to replace!

Before doing the puzzles, let's take a closer look at the Solemnity of Pentecost and where it all began. At the bottom there are two videos - one for older children and one for younger children. Hope you enjoy the background story and the videos!

THE BACKGROUND OF WHY WE CELEBRATE PENTECOST

The Jewish Perspective: Pentecost has significance both in Judaism and Christianity. In the book of Leviticus 23, God gave instructions to Israel concerning several special days, or weeks, of remembrance and celebration. These festivals were to be celebrated every year for generations to come. God described what was known as Shavuot or the Festival of Weeks. Shavuot is a major Jewish celebration held on the 6th and usually the 7th day of Sivan, fifty days after the second day of Passover. It was originally a harvest festival, but now also commemorates the giving of the Law (the Torah). Shavuot was also sometimes referred to as Pentecost, a Greek word meaning fiftieth.

The Christian Perspective: The second chapter of Acts records the coming of the promised Holy Spirit (Acts 1:4-8) at the Jewish celebration of Shavuot. Because of this Christians also celebrate Pentecost. But not as a harvest festival or a remembrance of the giving of the Law, but as the coming of the Holy Spirit. However, this is not a coincidence that God chose THIS day to send the Holy Spirit. The Shavuot was a celebration of the first fruits of the year's harvest. And, in a sense, that is what Pentecost is to Christians. Those believers in Jerusalem on that momentous day were the "first fruits" of the great harvest that was just beginning. As the Passover and Exodus were a foreshadowing of Good Friday and Easter, so the Shavuot was a foreshadowing of Pentecost.

After Jesus' ascension, his followers about 120 of them continued to meet in Jerusalem. Acts 2:1-13 records the events of this Pentecost, about 10 days after Jesus' ascension. His followers were all together when a sound like the blowing of a mighty wind came from heaven and filled the place where they were staying. What appeared to be tongues of fire separated and rested on each of them and they were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages. A crowd had gathered to investigate the noise. These were people from all over the known world who came to celebrate Shavuot. When the apostles and disciples came out of the room they were speaking to the crowd so that each could hear what was being said in their own language. They were confused by this, but Peter explained to them that what they were experiencing was the fulfillment of the prophecy in Joel 2:28-32. A prophecy that included God pouring out his Spirit on all people. Peter then proceeded to preach his first sermon, explaining who Jesus was and the significance of what had happened to him. Then he called on them to repent and turn to Jesus for salvation. And that day, 3,000 people believed and were saved.



THE PENTECOST STORY FOR OLDER CHILDREN

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THE PENTECOST STORY FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN

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