

Parish of Saint Martin of Tours

40 Seaman Avenue, Bethpage, New York 11714

So many people - such large crowds - gathered around Him that He got into a boat and sat down, and the whole crowd stood along the shore. He began to speak. "A sower went out into the fields and began to sow..." Matthew 11:1-9



Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 12, 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.

DURING PHASE THREE OF NYS GUIDELINES, HERE IS THE SCHEDULE FOR MASS AND CONFESSION.

Monday to Friday: Daily Mass at 9am - there is no 6:30am Mass and no Saturday 9am Mass.

Saturday: 5pm

Sunday: 7:30am, 10am, 12pm, 5:30pm

CONFESSION will be heard on Saturdays from 2-3pm at the school door entrance that faces the side of the church (where the A/C units are located). *Please continue to wear masks when in Church and for confession.*

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

Trustees: Carol Buffa and Frank Mekalainas

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

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

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

Rectory Office: Tel. 931-0818 • Fax 931-0559

Office Hours: see page 9.

Office of Faith Formation: 822-9768
Patricia Ryan and Laura Leigh Agnese, Coordinators

Parish Social Ministry: Mary Vitti, Coordinator • 931-7332
More information on page 3.

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

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.
Go to smtbethpage.org. Click "Contact" found at the left, to
the form.

Change of address: Please notify the rectory.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Mon. July 13 - Saint Henry

9AM Teresa & Bill Holt

Tues. July 14 - Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

9AM Gloria & Dominick Cano

Wed. July 15 - Saint Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor

9AM Marty Laraia

Thurs. July 16 - Our Lady of Mount Carmel

9AM Michael J. Alloggio, Anniversary

Fri. July 17

9AM Clemencia Zuniga

Sat. July 18 - Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest, BVM

5PM Bob Albertson, Sr.

Sun. July 19 - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30AM Maryann Lapadula

10AM Mary C. Lane, 1st Anniversary

12PM Cornelius Quinn

5:30PM The People of the Parish

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. Isaiah 1:10-17; Matthew 10:34-11:1

Tues. Isaiah 7:1-9; Matthew 11:20-24

Wed. Isaiah 10:5-7, 13b-16; Matthew 11:25-27

Thurs. Isaiah 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Matthew 11:28-30

Fri. Isaiah 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Matthew 12, 1-8

Sat. Micah 2:1-5; Matthew 12:14-21

Sun. Wisdom 12:13, 16-19 Although the Lord is mighty and Master of all, He shows kindness and forgiveness to those who are penitent.

Romans 8:26-27 St. Paul reminds the Romans that with the aid of the Spirit who knows our hearts, the Spirit will intercede for the holy ones.

Matthew 13:24-43 Jesus explained the parable of the wheat and weeds. The one who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed, the children of the kingdom, while the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil.



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

To SMT Parishioners,

We are accepting 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. The items we are running low on are evaporated milk, jelly, pancake mix, instant potatoes, stuffing, spam, sugar and bread crumbs.

Thank you to all those who made donations from all of us at the pantry and all those who come for food! Those in need can call 931-7332 to set up an appointment! May God Bless Us All!

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

**THE PANTRY IS AVAILABLE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY
 ON MONDAY AND THURSDAY.**



Week of July 12-18, 2020

Sanctuary Candle is lit

In Loving Memory of

Michael J. Alloggio

Rest in the Peace of Christ

Eleanor Rogers Shaw

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

Week of July 12-18, 2020

Bread & Wine is offered

In Loving Memory of

Patricia David



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 Pat Cannata, Christopher Gratton, Barbara Thompson, Donald Castor, Dorothy Quinn, Zachery Duff, Sam Zubov
 Patricia Morrone, Mary Lynn Brassil, Brendan Rodriguez, Rebecca Passaro, Annette Giuliano, Tom Schuerlein, Katie Walsh
 Louise Sandberg, Anthony Luisi, Tommy Johnson, Chris & Raymond Mirendia, Florencio Carmenate, Mary McCarthy, Karen Kilgard
 Ann Marie Frayler, Nicholas Balducci, Robert Kennan, Corey Voboril, Baby Scarlett, May Duffey, Daniel Costa, Janet Medina, Kevin Henson
 Marie Newman, Hector Valentine, Theresa DuRoss, Terry Hall, Bob & Anna Baciuska, Carol Ann Scudder, John Scudder
 Elsa Ryan, Justine & Nicole Scudder, Vincent Esposito, William Boyce, Catherine A. McCarthy, Paul Granberg, Sarah Messina
 Michael Arato, Jo Ann Anastos, Connie Burgess, Dolores Miller, Elizabeth Ryan, Layla Barr, Susan Carroll-Goyan, Patty & Tom Turano
 Jesusa Aquin, Nicholas Amato, Joseph McCroary, Richard Graziano, Jean Mulligan, Taylor, Edward Boyce, Fran Gandolfo, Johnny D.
 Joseph & Joyce Kostyak, William Castle, Anthony Della Croce, Nicole Carbone, Barbara Rusch, Connie Kane, Beverly Viselli, Casey
 Betty Mara, Teri Pigott, George Reif, Ed Ingels, Liam Escaniel, Gus Kunze, Eddie Morales, Tom Miles, Debra Dowdell, Elizabeth Hill
 Louie Gandolfo, John Anderson, Daniel McCullough, Mary Lafauci, Gerry Russo, Allegra LaFalce, Jessica Czarnecki, Bill Monahan
 Maureen Roberts, Pete Moran, Brendan Donahoe, Janet Scarpelli, Andrew McCarthy, Alicia Manetta, Baby Lucia Bianchi, Pat James
 Joseph David Iovieno, Robert Daniel, Dorothy Eisenstadt, David Drohan, Ralph Caputo, Kristen Smith, Michael Vigotty, Vinny Vanturini
 Tom Mitchell, Pat Murphy, Tarabokija Family, Philip Marino, Kathy Smith, Henry Hamilton, Nancy Gerace, Robert Collelouri, Arthur Baudo
 Samantha McNeill, Veronica McCarthy-Pigott, Janine, Mary Jedlicka, Fr. Paul Wood, Brian John Roe III, Jacklyn Baddalucco Yolanda Zitelli
 Rose Marie Gaccione, Andrew Bartolozzi, Pat Bergersen, Robert, Amy & Richard Ferranti, Joseph V. Pace, Jr., Justin Turner
 Christopher Hehn, Baby Remy, Jimmy Rizzo, Thomas Kelly, Peggy Epstein, John Murphy, Al DeBatto, Adeline Norton, Ed Segretto
 Ann Marie Wezel, Jeanie Wilkins, Ann Soehngen, Fred Cameron, Ryan Westbrook, Donna Strickland, Anthony Clese, Valerie Haberly
 Brendan Langhauser Family, Helen Kurlowicz, Christine Marsiello, Michael M. Durante, Sonny D'Ambrosio, Thomas Triola, Keith Ferrara
 Margaret DeMarco, Annemarie Frayler, Mario Ratti, Yvonne McDonnell, Denise Dolan, Henry Hamilton, Christian Bogdanos, Liam
 The Mooney Family, Bridget, Karen Murphy, Richard Baker, Kevin, Dina Ledogard, Ed Russo, Petrina Dralas, Michael John, Jean Vanturini
 Diane Passaro, Mary Jane Bookman, Toni Novak, Susan Estabrook, Baby Luke, Heather Gilroy, Linda Jean, Marie Sirianni, Frances Valenti
 William Wojcik, Denise Lombardi, Christopher Connelly, Mike & Carol Leva, Michael Barry, Deborah A. Sullivan, Mary Castora
 Diana Hart Mirando, Patricia & Ralph Keck, Inge Luckmann, Lucy Zgrablic, James Carbone, Theresa Leicht, Brian Kevan
 Barbara Weis, Thomas Fahey, Teri Bunker, Diane Kelly, Andy Lomuscio, Baby Dominick, Bridget Lissy, Madison Milio, Patrick 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, Anthony Valente, Jr., Gerry McCarthy

The Pastor's Letter

In an ordinary summer, this would be the time for Major League Baseball to play its All-Star Game, the Midsummer Classic. As you well know, this is no ordinary year. And so what would normally be a mid-season break is actually the beginning of Spring Training (again). Hockey and basketball are making plans for playoff tournaments that will go into the late summer and early Fall. Football is scheduled to begin as usual, but nothing is certain. Some of you may remember the classic comedy routine of George Carlin where he discusses the differences between baseball and football. There is one difference between the two sports that I think can speak to our current situation here at Saint Martin of Tours during this very unusual year 2020.



Often when I have given presentations about parish liturgy, I have used the analogy of the differences between the fields of play in baseball and football. In football, every field is exactly the same. Whether it is Bethpage High School, Notre Dame Stadium, Metlife Stadium, or anywhere else, the field measures exactly the same. Things aren't the same for baseball. Yankee Stadium is different than Citi-field. Citifield is different than Shea Stadium. The new Yankee Stadium is actually the same as the old Yankee Stadium, because one can't change the most important stadium in baseball history *too* much!

What does this have to do with liturgy or a parish? Much like the rules of baseball are the same no matter where it is played, so too the liturgy of the Church is the same no matter what parish or church it is being celebrated. It is the role of the parish to celebrate completely and fully the liturgy of the church in the environment we have. Every parish church is different but the liturgy is the same. We never change the liturgy to fit the environment, much like the rules of baseball don't change because a field has a shorter or longer distance to centerfield.

In the next few months, we are going to see some differences between parishes in how they schedule their liturgies and manage the new guidelines. We will also see that fact in how Faith Formation is structured, how offices operate, and how, when, and where groups will meet. I thank you for your continued patience and understanding as we seek to manage this crisis as best we can.

The situation of every parish is different. We all have different buildings, infrastructure, resources, staffing, etc. It is likely that between parishes we will see many different approaches to Faith Formation going into this Fall. We will be working on details over the summer, but there will be significant differences from what we have been used to in previous years.

Most of us like consistency and are hesitant about change. Yet, the reality of our situation demands these changes and leaves us with a degree of uncertainty none of us are comfortable with. However, our faith is one of hope in the future. St. Paul says as much in today's reading from his Letter to the Romans, "*I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us.*" This is certainly a time of suffering. But as Christians we know that suffering has redemptive value, that our suffering is *always* in union with Jesus Christ, and leads to the hope of the future.

We will continue celebrating Sunday Mass according to the normal schedule. Our capacity has now increased to 33%. The Saturday 5pm Mass has had the most attendance, and the Sunday 5:30pm Mass has had the least attendance over these three weekends. If you are worried about facing a crowd, the 7:30am or 5:30pm Masses might be considered. Our Monday through Friday 9am Mass seems to be back to around usually "pre-Covid" attendance. Our church is being regularly sanitized but we need your help to keep it clean. Please wash or sanitize your hands before coming in and continue to wear your masks. I know this is inconvenient for everyone, but together we will get through it. Please remember that the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday remains dispensed, so please remain home if you feel uncomfortable, are sick, or are in an at-risk category.

I will be away from the parish this weekend and during the next few days, but will pray to our Lord God through the intercession of our patron, St. Martin of Tours, to keep us all safe and well.

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



Operation Hope Food Drive

Saturday, July 11th from 9am - 3pm

Please bring donations directly to

St. Mother Teresa Food Pantry

208 Broadway

to help those in our community.

So many are fed because of your generosity!

Thank you and God bless!



The Diocese has introduced a new website called Long Island Catholic + ("Plus"): [www. Licplus.org](http://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.

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

INSTRUCTIONS TO RESERVE A SEAT FOR WEEKEND MASSES

Our reservation system is active and can be found here

<https://pastorstoolbox.com/save-a-seat/ede6e591-a5e0-57aa-af37-6448103e2de4>

Simply choose from the available Masses, enter your name and the number who will attend, and register. You will receive a confirmation email. Save the email on your phone or print it to bring with you. On the confirmation email you will see a link to "cancel registration." If you cannot attend a Mass for which you registered, please cancel so that the spots open up for another parishioner.

A few other notes for Mass in the coming weeks:

- There will be no processions before or after Mass and not during the offertory.
- There will be no missalettes or other worship materials provided.
- *During this time only* please consider using one of the many free resources available for your smartphones. The parish app has a button that will bring you to prayers and readings for Mass.
- Please feel free to bring your own hand Missal, Magnificat, or printed resources from home. *But remember to take anything home with you.* This makes things easier on our cleaning staff so that they can prepare for the following Mass.

"The Veil Removed" is a (YouTube) short film that reveals the coming together of heaven and earth at Mass, as seen by saints and mystics, revealed by scripture and in the catechism of the Catholic Church. You will never see Mass the same again!

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdIPvAEXuPxJnFFgqCR4kXA>



FORMED FOR ADULTS

MARIA GORETTI:

The Story of the Patroness of Modern Youth

1h 36m

July 6 marks the feast day of St. Maria Goretti, a young virgin and martyr whose life is an example of purity and mercy for all Christians. St. Maria Goretti is best known for her commitment to purity and the courageous defense of her faith at the young age of eleven that made

her willing to undergo death rather than participate in a sin against God.

Her story is retold in this beautifully made film from Italy. It explains the plight of the poor laborers of the time, struggling to survive in a swampy area with rampant malaria and extreme poverty. Luigi and Assunta Goretto keep their faith despite the hardship, and they instill in their children a deep love for God. Their daughter Maria is especially devout. But tragedy strikes more than once: sickness and death affects the Goretto family, and then their young neighbor Alessandro does the unthinkable.

This film, made on location and filled with authentic detail, stars Martina Pinto as Maria, Flavio Insinna (Saint John Bosco) as the brave local Passionist priest, Luisa Ranieri and Massimo Bonetti as her parents, and Claudia Koll as the Countess Mazzoleni.



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
 PVT Kyle Kachagourian, US Army

Charismatic Prayer Group

Our lives are like our gardens. Some always seem perfect, but that's because someone is always checking for weeds and overgrowth. Things left to grow wild will grow wild. It's been easy to let things slide over the last four months. It's time to get back to work in your life's garden.

Join us via ZOOM on Mondays at 7:30PM for help and support in getting your garden back to perfect. All are welcome. 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

Get FORMED now! It's easy and free to register!

- Go to <https://smtbethepage.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.

To continue supporting ministries such as Pro-life efforts, Catholic Charities, Parish Outreach programs, formation of seminarians for the priesthood and Faith Formation and education of our children and young adults, please consider donating to the **Catholic Ministries Appeal**.

Parish _____ Pledge: \$ _____
 Name _____ Down payment: \$ _____
 Address _____ Make checks payable to
 City, State, Zip: _____ **Catholic Ministries Appeal**
 Phone: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

To make a donation, you can also visit <https://www.drvc.org/CMA/>
 or call us at **516-678-5800 ext. 296**. *Thank You!*



Bulletin Reflection: "I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us." May these words from today's First Reading give us hope and encourage us.

Living Stewardship ~ Pillar of Formation: This upcoming week, try to read the daily Gospel reading for each day. May we allow the seed of God's Word to enter into our hearts and grow.



NEW DIGITAL EXPERIENCE COMING SOON...

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL TEENS & YOUNG ADULTS QUO VADUS ONLINE SUMMER CAMP - JULY 12 - 17, 2020

This summer, due to COVID-19, Camp Quo Vadis, the Diocesan high school summer camp, will offer a free online digital experience. Because of health concerns, the online digital camp experience will take the place of the in-person camp. Each day we will premiere a few short videos concerning topics meant to engage teens and young adults. Since the camp is not in person, the content is available to anyone you think will benefit from it.

Each day, the same talks that were planned for the camp will be aired via YouTube. Content will be posted at NOON on www.campquovadis.com July 12-17.

Topics to be explored include: The Joy of Catholic Marriage; Healing Family Wounds; The God of Faith and Science; The Hidden Beauty of the Mass; Is God Calling Me to Become a Priest/Sister?; and Finding Forgiveness in God's Mercy.

There will also be a special Zoom presentation for parents: My Child Wants to Become a Priest/Sister -- Now What? For the complete schedule of video conferences and more information, visit www.campquovadis.com.



The Office of FAITH FORMATION
DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

Catechist Training Level I

Zoom

Mon, July 13
Wed, July 15
Mon, July 20
and Wed, July 22, 2020

Morning

10:00 a.m.
to 12:00 p.m.

Evening

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**Building Intercultural
Competences for
Ministers-BICM**

Zoom

July 14, 16, 21, 23
and 28, 2020

Morning

10:00 a.m.
to 12:00 p.m.

Evening

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Evening

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**Faith Formation for
Our New Normal**

Zoom

Session 1:

Morning

Tue, July 14, 2020
at 11:00 a.m.

Evening

Wed, July 15, 2020
at 7:00 p.m.

Session 2:

Morning

Tue, July 21, 2020
at 11:00 a.m.

Evening

Wed, July 22, 2020
at 7:00 p.m.

Session 3:

Morning

Tue, July 28, 2020
at 11:00 a.m.

Evening

Wed, July 29, 2020
at 7:00 p.m.

**Catechist
Training Level II**

Zoom

Mon, July 27
Wed, July 29
Mon, Aug 3
and Wed, Aug 5, 2020

Morning

10:00 a.m.
to 12:00 p.m.

Evening

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**For more information,
workshops, or to regis-
ter online, please visit
drvc-faith.org/event/**



THE DIOCESE of
**ROCKVILLE
CENTRE**

For the time being, the Rectory Office will have the following hours. We will keep you posted when they have changed.



Monday	9am - 2pm
Tuesday	9am - 12pm
Wednesday	9am - 3pm
Thursday	9am - 12pm
Friday	9am - 12pm

Loving and faithful God, the coronavirus reminds us that we are dependent on you. We place ourselves in your loving hands. Give eternal rest to all who have died from the virus. Place your healing hand on those who are ill, and give your protection to us in this time of fear and uncertainty.

Calm our fears and help us to trust you as our faithful God. Enlighten our government and Church leaders as they are faced with important decisions. Give blessing to those in health care and protect them. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, and our Redeemer.



*O Mother of Perpetual Help
hasten to help us!*

Help Our Parish Club (HOP)

We will be sending out renewal letters in the next couple of weeks. This year because of the affects of the pandemic, we have decided to add a payment option. You can choose to pay \$60 for yearly dues due on September 1st or two payments of \$30, the first half due September 1st and the second half due on or before February 1, 2021. The only reminder for the February 1st due date will be in the bulletin during January. New Members are welcome to join! The same options apply.

Here are the winners from July 6 - 10, 2020. Congratulations to all!

7/6/2020	#402	M/M George Matulewich	\$25
7/7/2020	#316	Frances Jauregui	\$25
7/8/2020	#203	E. Delaney	\$25
7/9/2020	#148	Dorothy McPartlin	\$25
7/10/2020	#605	Margaret O'Mara	\$50

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.



OUR WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIFT

For the weekend of July 5, 2020: Amount Received - \$9,775.00 (including mail-ins)

You can choose to make weekly donations online by registering to the Vanco Payment Solutions link below. 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!

https://www.eservicepayments.com/cgi-bin/Vanco_ver3.vps?apver3=wWsk24ZWJSTZKsGd1RMKlg0BDvsSG3VIWQCPJNNxD8upkiY7JIDavDsozUE7KG0nFx2NSo8LdUKGuGuF396vbY8FSCoO3xUU-4tPrzpWy04iYnTg5dP4O6rpX5QvPEWIBhHDN59kLZFffwKfYERpQu4Nez3j6JnuQyWYPeB6xkE=&ver=3




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 Download the MyParish app today.

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>

Father Andrzej Halemba is seen in a 2017 file photo carrying a crucifix during a procession of the Christians in Qaraqosh, Iraq. (CNS photo/courtesy Aid to the Church in Need)

By Doreen Abi Raad Catholic News Service



Without immediate action from the international community, Christians in northern Iraq could be endangered with extinction, warns a new report from the pontifical charity *Aid to the Church in Need* (ACN). The report, [“Life after ISIS: New Challenges for Christianity in Iraq.”](#) is based on a survey of Christians in the liberated Ninevah Plains. With anticipated emigration, ACN says the region’s Christian population could plummet to 23,000 within four years. That is a reduction of 80% from the months before the 2014 Islamic State invasion and would move the Christian community from the category of “vulnerable” to the critical category of “endangered with extinction,” the report states.

“The international community must take immediate and decisive action to tackle the problems which are threatening the continuing Christian presence in Iraq,” said Edward Clancy, director of outreach for Aid to the Church in Need-USA. “It is more important than ever that world leaders work together to prevent Christian numbers falling further in Iraq.” ACN’s survey indicates that security and political reasons remain the primary driver of emigration. According to the report, 87% of the Christians feel “unsafe or absolutely unsafe,” and 67% believe it is likely or very likely that Islamic State or a similar group will return in the next five years. Of those wishing to emigrate, 69% cite political and security reasons as the primary reason.

The region also suffers from a poor economy. In the Ninevah Plains, 93% of Christians characterized the economy as bad or very bad. “The primary driver of the poor economy is the state of Iraq as a whole, which is burdened by sanctions, poor security, extreme corruption, and an unpredictable political system,” the report states. In the summer of 2014, more than 100,000 Christians were uprooted from their homes by ISIS, fleeing to the Kurdistan region in northern Iraq. After the liberation of the Ninevah Plains, in early 2017 Aid to the Church in Need launched what it calls a “modern-day Marshall Plan” to tackle the “mammoth task” of rebuilding Christian homes. ACN has since helped restore 2,860 damaged or destroyed Christian homes in six cities and villages on the Ninevah Plains. It now plans to focus on rebuild the infrastructure of church-run facilities. By 2019, the number of returned displaced Christians was 36,000.

In its report, ACN suggests nongovernmental organizations, churches and governments seeking to improve the condition of Christians in Iraq should emphasize advocacy leading to the restoration of security in the Ninevah Plains. Foreign governments should exert pressure on the governments in Baghdad and Irbil, the report says. Although Islamic State has been defeated, “Christians remain subject to threats, extortion, and intimidation,” the report says. “These include the threats associated with ISIS, Iran-backed militias, and the heightened risk of a regional war between the U.S. and Iran, which could play out on Iraqi soil.” ACN says its surveys “continue to reveal the Iraqi Christians have a resilience not only to survive but, given more favorable conditions, to emerge from the margins to serve as an important instrument in the rebuilding of a peaceful, pluralistic and healthy society.”

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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



BISHOPS' PRO-LIFE CHAIR SAYS SUPREME COURT DECISION CONTINUES PRIORITIZING ABORTION BUSINESS OVER WOMEN'S HEALTH AND SAFETY

On June 29, the Supreme Court of the United States announced its decision in an abortion case out of Louisiana, *June Medical Services v. Russo*. The Court ruled 5 to 4 to strike down the Louisiana law that requires abortion doctors to have hospital admitting privileges. Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann of Kansas City, Kansas, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee for Pro-Life Activities, issued the following statement:

"Abortion violently ends the life of a child, and often severely harms women. Abortion becomes even more destructive when basic health and safety standards are ignored, and profit margins are prioritized over women's lives. As Catholics, we condemn abortion as a grave injustice that denies the fundamental human right to life. Yet even as we seek to end the brutality of legalized abortion, we still believe that the women who seek it should not be further harmed and abused by a callous, profit-driven industry.

"The Court's failure to recognize the legitimacy of laws prioritizing women's health and safety over abortion business interests continues a cruel precedent. As we grieve this decision and the pregnant women who will be harmed by it, we continue to pray and fight for justice for mothers and children.

"We will not rest until the day when the Supreme Court corrects the grave injustice of *Roe* and *Casey* and recognizes the Constitutional right to life for unborn human beings. And we continue to ask all people of faith to pray for women seeking abortion, often under enormous pressure, that they will find alternatives that truly value them and the lives of their children." *(source Long Island Catholic Newsletter - July 1, 2020)*

(CNA) EWTN: ANALYSIS - WHAT'S NEXT FOR THE SUPREME COURT AND ABORTION: The ruling in *June Medical Services v. Russo* came as a major let down for the pro-life movement in the U.S., dashing hopes that the Supreme Court would use the opportunity to strike at the foundation of legalized abortion in the country. Numerous other state laws are working their way through the court system, and any one of them could arrive at the Supreme Court in the coming months, paving the way for another major ruling. **Here are three cases for Pro-Life observers to watch: 1. OHIO'S BAN ON ABORTING BABIES WITH DOWN SYNDROME; 2. TEXAS LAW PROHIBITING DILATION AND EVACUATION (D&E) ABORTIONS; AND 3. HEARTBEAT ABORTION BANS.**

The Supreme Court has declined several times in the last five years to hear cases involving laws which ban abortion after a baby's heartbeat is detectible - often around six weeks into pregnancy. But if the court were to consider one of these laws, which a handful of states passed last year, it could be among the most significant rulings handed down in this generation.

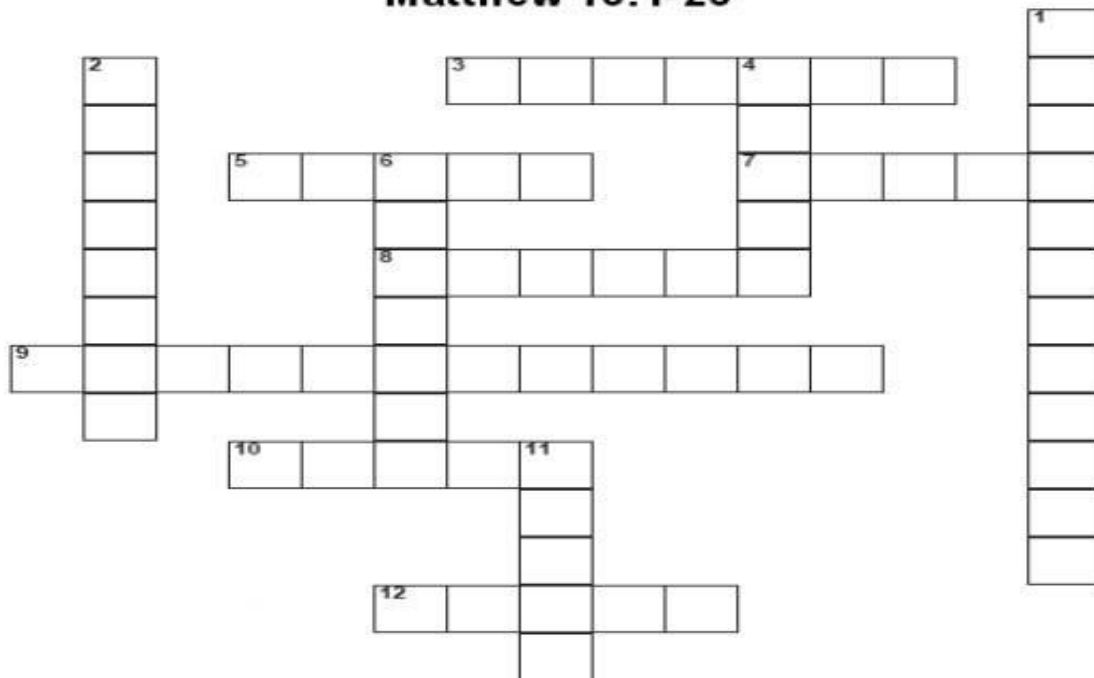
U.S. CATHOLIC MEDIA MUST INSPIRE UNITY AMID DIVISION, POPE SAYS: VATICAN CITY (CNS) "Catholic media outlets in the United States are called to break down barriers that prevent dialogue and honest communication between people and communities," Pope Francis said. "The national motto 'E Pluribus Unum' (Out of Many, One) can serve as inspiration of the ideal of unity amid diversity in an age marked by conflicts and polarization from which the Catholic community itself is not immune," the pope said in a June 30 message sent to participants of the Catholic Media Conference. "The church," he added, "needs men and women of conviction who protect communication from all that would distort it or bend it to other purposes. We need media that can help people, especially the young, to distinguish good from evil, to develop sound judgments based on a clear and unbiased presentation of the facts and to understand the importance of working for justice, social concord and respect for our common home," he said.

Do you ever find yourself frustrated because no one is listening to you? But you have something very *important* to say! You tried so many ways to tell your important news. First you speak quietly. Someone hears you, but quickly loses interest and walks away. Then you speak louder. Someone hears what you have to say, but doesn't like your loud voice and tells you to be quiet! And walks away. Then you decide to run at the person, pulling and tugging at his arm, but he says, "Stop! You're hurting me and I will not listen!" And tells *you* to walk away! Finally after speaking softly, then loudly, then tugging and pulling, you decide to wait for a better time to tell your important news. When you notice that everyone is calm and quiet, you ask, "Is it okay to talk to you now?" The next thing you know *everyone* wants to hear what you have to say. They are ready to listen and hear your news!

Jesus wants us to not only *hear* his words, but *listen and live* our lives the way God wants us to. The seeds that the farmer scatters falls on hard ground, rocky ground and thorny bushes. They take root but some wither while others choke and die. Then finally some seeds fall on good ground where it takes root and grows into healthy plants. When you listen to the *Good News* of Jesus, his love will take root in your soul and will flourish just like the seeds that fell on good ground.

Parable Of The Sower

Matthew 13:1-23



Choose from these words to fill in the crossword puzzle:

ACTIONS
BIRDS
GOOD SOIL
JESUS

KINGDOM OF GOD
PARABLE
PERSEVERANCE
ROCKS

SEEDS
SOWER
THORNS
YEAST

Across

3. A story with a meaning
5. It makes bread rise.
7. They make the plants wither.
8. They choke the plants.
9. It is like yeast.
10. He told parables.

Down

1. What produces a crop?
2. It yields a crop.
4. What ate the seeds?
6. Our _____ affect others.
11. Someone who plants seeds.

The Parable of the Sower

But the one who received the seed that fell on good soil is the man who hears the word and understands it. Matthew 13:23a (NIV)

Match the words in the box with the correct definition.



1. _____ A small, usually hard part of a plant from which a new plant can grow
2. _____ The part of a plant which grows down into the earth
3. _____ Covered with stones
4. _____ Small, sharp, pointed growths on the stem of a plant
5. _____ A person who owns or takes care of a farm
6. _____ Plants such as grain, vegetables, or fruit grown by farmers
7. _____ To put seeds in the ground so that plants will grow
8. _____ Not deep
9. _____ The upper layer of earth that may be dug or plowed and in which plants grow
10. _____ A way made by or for people walking on the ground

farmer
sow

seed
path

rocky
thorns

shallow
root

soil
crop