

Parish of Saint Martin of Tours

40 Seaman Avenue, Bethpage, New York 11714

*"I will open my mouth in parables.
I will announce what has lain hidden
from the foundation of the world." Psalm 78:2*



*Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 19, 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.

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 20 - St. Apollinaris, Bishop & Martyr

9AM Rose Miele, 3rd Anniversary

Tues. July 21 - St. Lawrence Brindisi, Priest & Doctor

9AM Martin Casey

Wed. July 22 - St. Mary Magdalene

9AM Amanda Henderson

Thurs. July 23 - St. Bridget, Religious

9AM Katherine Sywan

Fri. July 24 - St. Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest

9AM Beatrice Hermann

Sat. July 25 - St. James, Apostle

5PM The Davitt Family

Sun. July 26 - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30AM People of the Parish

10AM Tony Romano

12PM Doris & Alfred Urbanski

5:30PM Eleanor O'Brien

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. Micah 6:1-4, 6-8; Matthew 12:38-42

Tues. Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Matthew 12:46-50

Wed. Song of Solomon 3:1-4b; John 20:1-2, 11-18

Thurs. Jeremiah 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Matthew 13:10-17

Fri. Jeremiah 3:14-17; Matthew 13:18-23

Sat. 2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Matthew 20:20-28

Sun. 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12 *Because Solomon asked the Lord for an understanding and wise heart, his prayer was not only answered, but because of his unselfishness, the Lord bestowed even more gifts upon him.*

Romans 8:28-30 *St. Paul emphasizes the thought and care that God has taken for the salvation of the followers of Christ.*

Matthew 13:44-52 *The person who finds a buried treasure and the merchant who finds a pearl of great price sell all that they have to acquire these finds; similarly, the one who understands the supreme value of the kingdom gives up whatever he must to obtain it. The concluding parable of the fishnet resembles the explanation of the parable of the weeds with its stress upon the final exclusion of evil persons from the kingdom.*



"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 19-25, 2020
 Sanctuary Candle is lit
 In Loving Memory of
 Michael & Eugene Maley

Rest in the Peace of Christ

**Emilio Robertino, John E. O'Shea
 Joseph G. McGuire**

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

Week of July 19-25, 2020
 Bread & Wine is offered
 In Loving Memory of
 Amanda Henderson



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



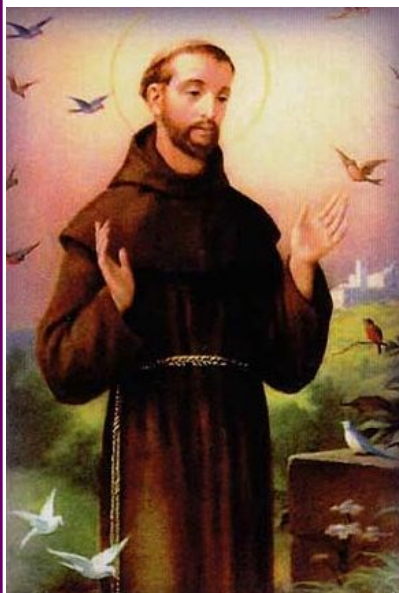
Jesus presents to us several parables about the nature of the Kingdom of Heaven. They may be familiar to us, but take some time this weekend to slowly read, reread, and pray with them. Earlier in Matthew's Gospel, Jesus told the crowd (and us) to "seek *first* the Kingdom of God." We are to put our focus and attention on the things of God, and not the things of the world. In doing that, "all the rest will be provided to us as well."

Note that Jesus speaks of a Final Judgment. Focusing our lives on the Kingdom of Heaven means always giving attention to the Four Last Things (Death and Judgment, Heaven and Hell). We need not have such an obsessive focus as to live lives paralyzed in fear, but we cannot afford to live as if there are no consequences and salvation is automatic and assured. God is merciful and just. If we have the attitude of constant conversion and always looking to make progress in love of God and neighbor, we need not fear. The best way to do this is the regular reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Next weekend we will welcome a Missionary priest who will preach at all of our Masses as part of the annual Diocesan Mission Cooperative. Each year priests and religious come to our Diocese to preach about our obligation as Catholics to support the missions and about their own missionary communities and experience. As we are not currently taking up collections in the normal way, there will be a separate basket as you enter and leave the church for your donation to the Mission Appeal. Please plan ahead and bring an envelope marked Missions to place in that basket. You may continue to place your usual stewardship donations in the regular basket as you enter or leave church.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Father Christopher Costigan, Pastor
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The Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,
 Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
 Where there is injury, pardon;
 Where there is doubt, faith;
 Where there is despair, hope;
 Where there is darkness, light;
 Where there is sadness, joy;
 O Divine Master, Grant that I may not so much seek
 To be consoled as to console;
 To be understood as to understand;
 To be loved as to love.
 For it is in giving that we receive;
 It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
 And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.



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 Diocese New Website 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.

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

Pray
for
Vocations



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.

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

THE WAY OF SAINT JAMES

1h 41m

Over the lovely "Camino de Santiago," the Way of St. James, which is the ancient route leading from the Pyrenees to the famous and ancient shrine of Santiago de Compostela, this documentary follows the journey of

several pilgrims who differ in culture and religious faith, united only by a mysterious attraction towards the same spiritual destination.

Across breathtaking landscapes, we experience a journey that is at once concrete, mystical and metaphorical in a continued alternation between past and present, between the history and legends that have fashioned the destiny of the Way of St. James. This ancient route that concludes at the shrine where St. James the Apostle is buried is the most famous Christian pilgrimage in the world. Now you can take this ancient journey through this beautifully produced film.



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

The second word that no kid--even old kids--likes to hear is **WAIT**. Waiting is hard in this fast-paced, get-it-now world. We can connect with someone across the country or on the other side of the world in an instant. We can get overnight delivery. But sometimes, the best things are those we've had to wait for. Read Psalm 62:5-6 *"For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him. He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken."* **Join us via ZOOM on Mondays at 7:30PM.** All are welcome. Call 516-993-9672 for more information or prayer requests.

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

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- 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 _____
 City, State, Zip: _____
 Make checks payable to
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: In today’s Gospel reading, we are told the parable about the wheat and the weeds. This parable reminds us that the world is not perfect and that on Earth there will be good people and evil people. This parable should remind us to not get discouraged and lose faith when we hear of all the evil in the world.

Living Stewardship ~ Pillar of Hospitality: In today’s Responsorial Psalm, we praise God for being good and forgiving. We are also called to practice a good and forgiven nature. This week, pray for those who have hurt you and begin on the path of forgiveness.

A Prayer to Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Feast Day July 16th

O most beautiful Flower of Mount Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein that you are my Mother.

O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart, to succor me in this my necessity. There are none that can withstand your power. O show me herein that you are my Mother.

O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us that have recourse to thee. *(Repeat three times)* Sweet Mother, I place this cause in your hands. *(Repeat three times)*



Our Lady of Mount Carmel is often associated with the Brown Scapular. Anyone interested in enrolling in the Brown Scapular, contact a priest at the rectory at 931-0818.



**Catechist Training Level I
Zoom**

Mon, July 20
Wed, July 22, 2020

Morning

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

Evening

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

For more information,
workshops, or to register
online, please visit [drvc-
faith.org/event/](http://drvc-faith.org/event/)

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

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



FYI: there was a problem with our phone system which has been solved. When you call the rectory during off hours, for a list of extensions, press 3 which includes all of our priests, the business manager and secretary.

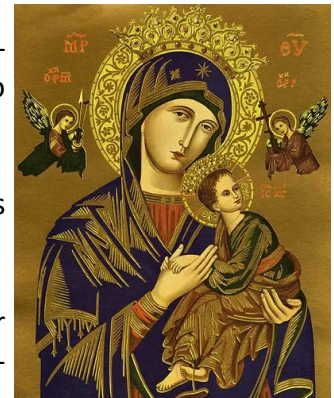
We are sorry for any frustration caused when trying to leave a message. (especially for the secretary!)

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!*

To download myparishapp, go to the App Store on your Apple iPhone or Google Play for Android users and select St. Martin of Tours Bethpage.



Or you can text **APP** to **88202**, download the app and select St. Martin of Tours Bethpage after opening.

You will find the latest updates and information from Fr. Chris, plus weekly bulletins, readings, prayers and much more!

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 13 - 17, 2020. Congratulations to all!

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| 7/13/2020 | #381 | Joan & Leon Gardner | \$25 |
| 7/14/2020 | #307 | Kathryn LaFalce | \$25 |
| 7/15/2020 | #547 | Janet McKenna | \$25 |
| 7/16/2020 | #29 | Nina Puma | \$25 |
| 7/17/2020 | #234 | Mr. & Mrs. E. Pecinka | \$250 |

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

July 12, 2020: Amount Received - \$10,841.40
(mail-ins \$5,935.20; church \$4,906.20)

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=wWsk24ZWJSTZKsGd1RMKlg0BDvsSG3VIWQCPJNNxD8upkiY7JlDavDsozUE7KG0nFx2NSo8LdUKGuGuF396vbY8FSCoO3xUU-4tPrzpWy04iYnTg5dP4O6rpX5QvPEWl-BhHDN59kLZFffwKfYERpQu4Nez3j6JnuQyWYPeB6xkE=&ver=3



THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

<https://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/pray-the-chaplet>

Peter's Pence Collection - July 26, 2020

Each day the news reminds us of the violence and instability plaguing the Middle East, but we rarely hear of the shrinking Christian community there, a community that struggles to remain in the land of Christ's birth, death and resurrection. Please help support our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land by giving to the Holy Land Collection. This Pontifical Collection allows the Franciscans and others to continue caring for Christianity's holiest sites and for God's people in the Holy Land.

Note: St. Martin's bulletin of July 12, 2020 p. 11 had a full article on the strife of the Holy Land.

BISHOPS' CHAIRMAN CALLS PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM**AN 'ESSENTIAL LIFELINE' FOR MINISTRIES**

WASHINGTON – Following the publication of a national news story on Catholic churches receiving loans through the Paycheck Protection Program, Archbishop Paul S. Coakley of Oklahoma City, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development, issued the following statement in response:

"The Catholic Church is the largest non-governmental supplier of social services in the United States. Each year, our parishes, schools and ministries serve millions of people in need, regardless of race, ethnicity or religion. The novel coronavirus only intensified the needs of the people we serve and the demand for our ministries. The loans we applied for enabled our essential ministries to continue to function in a time of national emergency.

"In addition, shutdown orders and economic fallout associated with the virus have affected everyone, including the thousands of Catholic ministries -- churches, schools, healthcare and social services -- that employ about 1 million people in the United States. These loans have been an essential lifeline to keep hundreds of thousands of employees on payroll, ensure families maintain their health insurance, and enable lay workers to continue serving their brothers and sisters during this crisis.

"The Paycheck Protection Program was designed to protect the jobs of Americans from all walks of life, regardless of whether they work for for-profit or non-profit employers, faith-based or secular.

"Despite all of this, more than 100 Catholic schools have announced that they plan to close, with hundreds more facing an uncertain future. Businesses, hospitals, schools, and churches all across the country are facing many of the exact same problems.

"We will continue advocating for everyone negatively affected by this terrible pandemic, praying for all the sick, for all who have died and are in mourning, and especially the poor and vulnerable at this time of great need." *For more on the Paycheck Protection Program, visit www.LICatholic.org*

For parishioners who have access to the internet, download our YouTube app. We will have other things on it over time. It is important to click SUBSCRIBE.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMFIlnxH4u0ISA-yELRw?view_as=subscriber

OTHER SOURCES FOR MASS

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

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

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

ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, NEW YORK CITY— Monday—Friday 6:30 p.m. ET
OUR LADY OF LORETTO CHURCH, HEMPSTEAD—Sunday 6:00 p.m. ET

The Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist will be broadcasting their celebrations of Mass and the Divine Office throughout the day at this link
<https://youtube.com/channel/UCxomM8S2IPSFdevlZprCK3A/videos>

FOR HELP IN A CRISIS PREGNANCY

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

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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



Court decision preserves religious liberty of Little Sisters

WASHINGTON – The Little Sisters of the Poor recently went to the Supreme Court of the United States again to defend their community against attempts to force Catholic religious to cooperate with immoral activities, and again, the Supreme Court has recognized their right to religious freedom. By a vote of 7-2, the Court ruled in favor of the Little Sisters.

Archbishop Thomas G. Wenski of Miami, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee for Religious Liberty, and Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann of Kansas City in Kansas, chairman of the Committee on Pro-Life Activities, have issued a statement addressing the case:

"This is a saga that did not need to occur. Contraception is not health care, and the government should never have mandated that employers provide it in the first place. Yet even after it had, there were multiple opportunities for government officials to do the right thing and exempt conscientious objectors. Time after time, administrators and attorneys refused to respect the rights of the Little Sisters of the Poor, and the Catholic faith they exemplify, to operate in accordance with the truth about sex and the human person. Even after the federal government expanded religious exemptions to the HHS contraceptive mandate, Pennsylvania and other states chose to continue this attack on conscience.

"The Little Sisters of the Poor is an international congregation that is committed to building a culture of life. They care for the elderly poor. They uphold human dignity. They follow the teachings of Jesus Christ and his Church. The government has no right to force a religious order to cooperate with evil. We welcome the Supreme Court's decision. We hope it brings a close to this episode of government discrimination against people of faith. Yet, considering the efforts we have seen to force compliance with this mandate, we must continue to be vigilant for religious freedom."

For more on this case and reaction to the Supreme Court decision in a case involving Catholic schools, visit www.LICatholic.org

CATHOLIC BISHOPS JOIN 1,000 FAITH LEADERS TO OPPOSE FEDERAL EXECUTIONS: CATHOLIC NEWS AGENCY, July 7: Several bishops along with clergy and religious brothers and sisters from around the country have signed a statement opposing federal executions that area scheduled o resume this month. "As faith leaders from a diverse range of traditions, we call on President Trump and Attorney General Barr to stop the scheduled federal executions." "As our country grapples with the COVID 19 pandemic, an economic crisis, and systemic racism in the criminal legal system, we should be focused on protecting and preserving life, not carrying out executions." Bishop Pates issued his own statement in addition to the joint letter, saying that "the Church believes that just and necessary punishment must never exclude the dimension of hope and the goal of rehabilitation."

The Mustard-Seed

Matthew 13: 31, Mark 4: 30-32, Luke 13: 18-19

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Have you ever seen a mustard seed?

The mustard seed is the smallest of all seeds. It is so small that if you were holding one in your hand and you dropped it, you would have a very hard time finding it because it is so hard to see. Even though the mustard seed is so small when it is planted in the ground, it grows into a tree large enough for birds to stand on its branches and to make their nests in it.

When Jesus told this parable, He compared it to loving God. When children, like you, or adults begin to love Jesus, their love is like a tiny mustard seed before it is planted in the ground. It starts out very small at first. Then when you keep on listening to what Jesus says and obeying Him, then the love grows bigger and bigger! Soon it will grow like the big mustard tree.

