

Parish of Saint Martin of Tours

40 Seaman Avenue, Bethpage, New York 11714

*"The Kingdom of Heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls.
When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells
all that he has and buys it." Matthew 13:14-15*



*Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 26, 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 7.

Office of Faith Formation: 822-9768

Patricia Ryan and Laura Leigh Agnese, Coordinators

Parish Social Ministry: Mary Vitti, Coordinator • 931-7332
mvitti@smtbethpage.org 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 27

9AM Clara Loverso

Tues. July 28

9AM John Cooney

Wed. July 29 - St. Martha

9AM William & Erma Eichenlaub

Amy Eichenlaub Dane

Thurs. July 30 - St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop & Doctor

9AM Eleanor Connolly

Fri. July 31 - St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

9AM Joseph Lane

Sat. August 1 - St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor

9AM For All Redemptorists Who Served at SMT

Eleanor Devlin

5PM James Marsh

Sun. August 2 - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30AM Philip Reilly

10AM Dorothy Galgano

12PM Kathy McKerlie

5:30PM People of the Parish

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. Jeremiah 13:1-11; Matthew 13:31-35

Tues. Jeremiah 14:17-22; Matthew 13:36-43

Wed. Jeremiah 15:10, 16-21; John 11:19-27

Thurs. Ephesians 3:8-12; Luke 6:43-45

Fri. Jeremiah 26:1-9; Matthew 13:54-58

Sat. Jeremiah 26:11-16, 24; Matthew 14:1-12

Sun. Isaiah 55:1-3 *The prophet urges those who hunger and thirst to come to the Lord. Heed his commands and you will be satisfied.*

Romans 8:35, 37-39 *St. Paul assures us that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ, especially the anguish, distress and persecutions of this world.*

Matthew 14:13-21 *In the feeding of the five thousand, not including women and children, Jesus is giving not only nourishment for the physical body, but as Food for the soul. Whoever comes to Him will not hunger and whoever believes will not thirst.*



"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 mayonnaise, mustard, ice tea, ketchup shampoo, paper towels.

Those in need can call 931-7332 or email Mary at mvitti@smtbethpage.org to set up an appointment.

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 26 - Aug 1, 2020

Sanctuary Candle is lit

In Loving Memory of

Lucy Doupé

Rest in the Peace of Christ

**Joseph Sparacio, Edward Stein
Dolores Filippone, Jack Coppola**

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

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Bread & Wine is offered

In Loving Memory of

Farris Wood



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, Edison Esposito Gene Stasiuk, Carlo Ruggiero, Rose Kuhn, Francis & Kathleen Meehan, John Krahn, Bucky Montgomery, Steve Lazzara, Dorothy Kelly Bob Hoffman, Stephanie Koster, Maria Panno, Carolyn Smith, Margaret Pehrsson, Daniel Harrington, Bob Amato, Barbara Gula John Prentice, Richard Lertora, Kathleen Picinic, Joan Happ, Anthony Valente, Jr., Gerry McCarthy, Paul Caparatta

The Pastor's Letter



The mission preacher from the Society of African Missions, who was scheduled to preach at each weekend Mass as part of the Annual Mission Cooperative Appeal, had to postpone his trip until August 22 and 23. Despite our own changed and growing needs due to Covid, we always need to be conscious of our connection to our brothers and sisters around the world. As Catholics, we must always support the missions by our prayer and our practical support. We look forward to his visit.

Due to travel restrictions, Fr. Sylvester and his team of medical professionals and volunteers will not be able to physically journey to Nigeria this year. However, the donated supplies will be shipped to the medical facility. Thank you to all who have donated money or supplies. Donations for the medical mission are always welcome. Donations can be made to the parish with Medical Mission in the memo line. For specific supply needs, please see Fr. Sylvester.

Beginning in August, our Parish Office will be back to almost-normal operating hours. These will be posted. Our Faith Formation Office will open on Monday, August 10. The first order of business will be to plan for First Communion and Confirmation, which will take place in September and October (see below). During the month of August we will also be planning for the coming year. The focus of the program will be on Sunday and the family, as opposed to weekday and classroom. More information will be provided in the future, as well as registration details.

Registration for the new dates for First Communion and Confirmation will be made using the parish Mass reservation system (<https://pastorstoolbox.com/save-a-seat/ede6e591-a5e0-57aa-af37-6448103e2de4>). Registration will go "live" at 5:00pm on Thursday, August 13. It will be first come, first serve. This will allow every family to be properly notified and make an informed decision, as well as giving every family a fair chance to select the preferred time. As stated, we will be flexible if a family cannot make one of the new dates or is uncomfortable with a crowd. We will be able to celebrate First Communion at any weekend or weekday Mass. We can celebrate confirmation at weekend or weekday Masses as well. Confirmation will be conferred by the parish priests with permission of the bishop. This permission, which is required for the sacrament to be valid, is tied to a specific date, time, and priest. Therefore, we cannot allow for last minute changes. If a change needs to be made, new permission must be obtained from the bishop. Requests for dates and times other than the rescheduled times should be made to the Faith Formation office beginning Monday, August 17.

Our parish First Communion Masses will be Saturday, September 12 at 12pm, Saturday, September 26 at 11am and 1pm, and Saturday October 3 at 11am. Confirmation will be Monday September 28, Tuesday September 29, and Wednesday September 30 at 4pm and 7pm each day. Each celebration will be limited to 25 families. Each family will be given one reserved row. As of right now no other guests will be permitted due to capacity restrictions. We will work on live-stream options and other details as we get closer. Thank you again for your patience and understanding!

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

Help Our Parish Club (HOP)

Letters to current members went out on July 23. You should be receiving them soon!

Here are the winners from July 20 - 24, 2020. Congratulations to all!

7/20/2020	#552	Jo-Ann Durante	\$25
7/21/2020	#250	Steve & Carole Kaiser	\$25
7/22/2020	#191	James Tancora	\$25
7/23/2020	#254	Choisez Family	\$25
7/24/2020	#21	Annette & Steve LaGrande	\$50

LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS TO JOIN THE HOP CLUB!

We are appealing for **new members** to sign up for the Help Our Parish Club (HOP CLUB). All proceeds after prizes go to the operating budget of the parish. Yearly dues are \$60 from Sept 1st to August 31st. This year because of the affects of the pandemic, we have decided to add a payment option. You can choose to pay \$60 all at once due Sept 1st, or two payments of \$30, the first half due Sept 1st and the second half due on or before Feb 1, 2021. The only reminder for the 2nd payment will be in the bulletin during January. Mail your check payable to St. Martin of Tours HOP Club or come by the rectory! THANK YOU!!

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Please circle payment method.
I am enclosing:

\$60 paid in full or

\$30 second payment due 2/1/21

OUR WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIFT

July 26, 2020: Amount Received - \$10,895.20
(mail-ins \$5,189.00; church \$5,706.20)

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=wWsk24ZWJSTZKsGd1RMKlg0BDvsSG3VIWQCPJNNxD8upkiY7JIDavDsozUE7KG0nFx2NSo8LdUKGuGuF396vbY8FSCoO3xUU-4tPrzpWy04iYnTg5dP4O6rpX5QvPEWI-BhHDN59kLZffwKfYERpQu4Nez3j6JnuQyWYPeB6xkE=&ver=3





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'Keefe, USMC
 SGT Jean Marie Cassar, US Army
 PVT Kyle Kachagourian, US Army



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

- Go to <https://smtbethpage.formed.org>
- Click "Register" and enter your name, email address and desired password
- You're all ready to access the inspiring and engaging content on FORMED!
 We recommend that you start with the Welcome and Walk Through videos on our FORMED Parish home page.



Catechist Training Level II

Zoom

Mon, July 27

Wed, July 29

Mon, August 3

Wed, August 5, 2020

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

Evening: 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

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

For the time being, the Rectory Office will have the following hours.

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



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.



2020 MASS BOOK NOTICE

We will resume the 6:30AM Mass beginning Tuesday, September 8, 2020 (the day after Labor Day). The 2020 Mass Book is now open for you to come to the rectory and choose a date.

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!

INSTRUCTIONS TO RESERVE A SEAT FOR WEEKEND MASSES

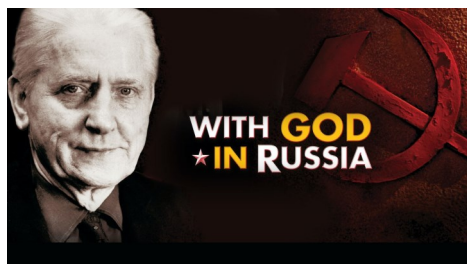
Our reservation system is active and can be found here

<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.



FORMED FOR ADULTS

With God in Russia

Well known for his heroic story of surviving 24 years in Russian prison camps, this film about the great Jesuit Fr. Walter Ciszek traces his incredible endurance and struggle for survival.

It highlights his tremendous faith in God, and the remarkable impact his life has had on the resurgence of Catholicism in Russia, as seen with on location footage from around the world.



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.

THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

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

Peter's Pence Collection - July 26, 2020

This weekend please be as generous as you can to help our fellow Christians in the Holy Land facing violence and instability as they struggle to remain in the land of Christ's birth, death and resurrection. May the God of All Mercies, protect and sustain them!



Thank you SMT-Bethpage Community

Operation Hope Food Drive on Saturday July 11th was another great success! By supplying food or your monetary donations, our shelves are once again full. This pandemic has raised the need to continue supporting food pantries. We thank all of our volunteers for their tireless help during the drive. And as always, we are so grateful for our Bethpage and St. Martin of Tours Community! God bless you all!

St. Mother Teresa, pray for us!

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

St. Mother Teresa Food Pantry needs a volunteer to help communicate with our Spanish-speaking clients. The volunteer would only need to be available on an "as needed" basis. If interested, contact Mary Vitti at (516) 931-7332 or email mvitti@smtbethpage.org. *Gracias!*

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
Catholic Ministries Appeal

City, State, Zip: _____

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!*****

New resource looks at the bioethics of vaccines

Vaccines have played an important role in reducing the impact of devastating diseases on the health of people worldwide. However, some vaccines are produced using cell lines derived from aborted fetuses. In this review, we will consider:

- why the use of these vaccines is morally problematic
- the bioethical principles of cooperation with evil, scandal, and informed consent
- the moral responsibilities one has in using one of these vaccines
- practical considerations when evaluating the benefits and risks of such vaccines.

The Office of Human Life, Family and Bioethics for the Diocese of Rockville Centre has released a special resource for the bioethics of vaccines, titled "Vaccines: What you need to know" by Lisa A. Honkanen, M.D. To read, visit: <http://www.vaccinebioethics.com>.

(Source: Long Island Catholic Newsletter 7/22/2020)



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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.

Mother of Perpetual Help hasten to help us!

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, and our Redeemer.



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.

Charismatic Prayer Group

I think it's time to remember the Pledge of Allegiance. I feel we have forgotten what those words mean. Read the composition below by Red Skelton who said it best! Let's be ONE NATION-UNDER GOD. If the monotony of isolation, the anxiety of the coronavirus or the uncertainty of the economy is getting to you, **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>

Meeting ID: 806 781 3931 Password: stmartin

or Dial by your location +1 929 205 6099 US (NY) Meeting ID: 806 781 3931

This was first broadcast on The Red Skelton Hour, CBS TV, January 14, 1969.

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"Red Skelton - What the pledge means to me"

I remember this one teacher. To me, he was the greatest teacher, a real sage of my time. He had such wisdom. We were all reciting the Pledge of Allegiance one day, and he walked over. Mr. Lasswell was his name. He said, *"I've been listening to you boys and girls recite the Pledge of Allegiance all semester, and it seems as though it is becoming monotonous to you. If I may, may I recite it and try to explain to you the meaning of each word?"*

I: me, an individual, a committee of one.

PLEDGE: *dedicate all of my worldly goods to give without self-pity.*

ALLEGIANCE: *my love and my devotion.*

TO THE FLAG: *our standard, Old Glory, a symbol of freedom. Wherever she waves, there is respect because your loyalty has given her a dignity that shouts freedom is everybody's job.*

OF THE UNITED: *that means that we have all come together.*

STATES: *individual communities that have united into 48 great states. Forty-eight individual communities with pride and dignity and purpose, all divided with imaginary boundaries yet united to a common purpose, and that's love for country.*

OF AMERICA

AND TO THE REPUBLIC: *a state in which sovereign power is vested in representatives chosen by the people to govern. And government is the people and it's from the people to the leaders, not from the leaders to the people.*

FOR WHICH IT STANDS

ONE NATION: *meaning, so blessed by God.*

INDIVISIBLE: *incapable of being divided.*

WITH LIBERTY: *which is freedom, the right of power to live one's own life without threats, fear, or some sort of retaliation.*

AND JUSTICE: *the principle or quality of dealing fairly with others.*

FOR ALL: *which means, boys and girls, it's as much your country as it is mine.*

Since I was a small boy, *two states have been added to our country and two words have been added to the Pledge of Allegiance: **UNDER GOD.** Wouldn't it be a pity if someone said, "That is a prayer," and that would be eliminated from schools, too?*

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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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 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

OFFICE OF HUMAN LIFE, FAMILY AND BIOETHICS: DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
ON CONSCIENCE & OBJECTIVE TRUTH: "*Objective truth is foundational to a well-formed conscience.*"

Dear Friends for Life, It is with rejoicing that we finally experience the step-wise re-opening of New York and a gradual return to parish life with attendance at Mass, confession and reception of the Eucharist! At the same time there is a deep mourning for the loss of family members, friends and acquaintances whose parting from us was made all the more difficult by the restrictions under which we have all been living since March. It has been a time of suffering for everyone, whether directly or indirectly affected by the pandemic. As if this were not bad enough however, our already-grieving nation has been from a state of mandated dormancy to the extreme opposite of widespread civil unrest associated with an equal degree of distress and lamentation - over which there is no dearth of opinions. As these events unfold before us, a prudent forbearance must find consolation in the words of St. Peter, "*But if you are patient when you suffer for doing what is good, this is a grace before God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example that you should follow in his footsteps.*" (1 Peter 2:20-21). So too, St. Paul tells us, "*where sin increased, grace overflowed all the more.*" (Romans 5:20). What better time to reflect on how we can be vessels of overflowing grace? One essential way is to better understand conscience and objective truth.

CONSCIENCE: Conscience is a rational judgment that determines an act to be right or wrong. It is the "voice of God" that speaks to every person to seek good and reject evil. It is so important that we are obligated to follow a certain conscience even if it is in error (that is, an error of which we are not aware); if there is doubt or uncertainty, we must study the issue further before deciding how to proceed. Even after the act is performed, conscience continues to work and lets us rest in a clear conscience or wrestle with a guilty conscience. Ultimately, conscience is a gift from God used to exercise our free will.

OBJECTIVE TRUTH: Now, just because you, I or anyone else sees something one way does not make that objectively true. In fact, objective truth is not based upon emotions, perspectives, or desires which are subjective and differ from one individual to the next. Rather, Objective Truth is absolute and unchanging in its essence. You can rely on it to remain the same for you, me and everyone else for all time because it is universally true. What is good is good, and what is evil is evil. Therefore, Objective Truth is fundamental to a well-formed conscience. Unfortunately, we as a society have fallen into the trap of "moral Relativism" in which subjective truth (based on an individual's personal views) has become the norm on which many decide whether something is good or evil, something we ought or ought not to do. That is, what we think becomes an imposter truth. Instead, though, it should be the other way around: that absolute truth informs what we personally think.

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT? In the last few months we have witnessed acts of extreme selflessness, extreme evil and too much in-between. We see what happens when reason and objective truth are upheld and when they are eclipsed by subjective truth and malformed consciences. Our Office is proud to uphold and promote the objective moral truth ***THAT EVERY HUMAN LIFE, CREATED IN THE IMAGE AND LIKENESS OF GOD, IS SACRED WITH AN INVIOLEABLE DIGNITY.*** This truth is immutable. It is true for each and every innocent human life for all time. The incomparable dignity and inestimable value of every human life is the justification for obedience, to the stay-at-home orders intended to protect the health and well-being of the vulnerable. It is the motivation for every first responder, officer of the law, health care worker, etc. to do his or her job with diligence. It is as much the principle behind the just condemnation of a murderous act by a depraved police officer and looter. It is the reason callous decisions that put vulnerable people at risk are criticized and why behaviors that willfully threaten the safety or deny the full humanity of others are indefensible. It is the basis for how we move forward in our lives and work to give glory to God.

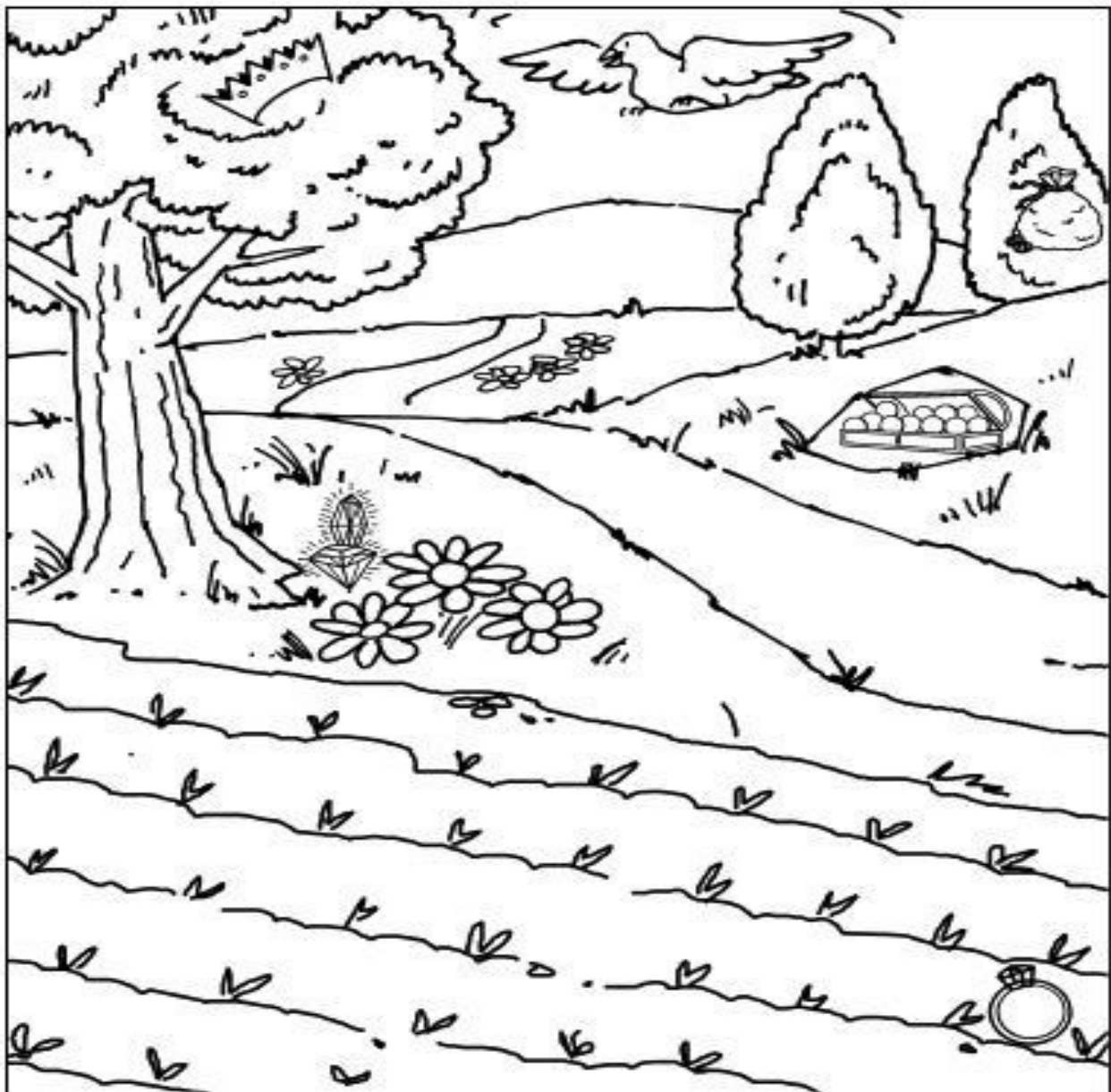
It is clear that where a well-formed conscience is applied, society cooperates and thrives for the good of the community because everyone's goals are similarly aligned. When conscience hinges on a subjective paradigm of truth, suffering (often grave suffering) ensues because the individual's goal is paramount, but as one among many, inevitably these will conflict. ***WITHOUT MORAL ORDER THERE CAN BE NO SOCIAL ORDER.*** We have seen this firsthand and, in response, we are called to pursue earnestly our duty to continuously form our conscience properly and to advance objective moral truth in the world. Now is the time to overflow with grace!

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Find the treasures and color the page.

The kingdom of heaven is like a hidden treasure.

Find these treasures hidden in the field below.



Imagine the greatest treasure you would like to possess as your own. Maybe you've been wanting a new top-of-the-line bicycle. But to get it, you have to work hard and earn the money, maybe by mowing lawns in your neighborhood, running errands or helping your family. Sometimes it takes months and months to save enough money to buy that treasured bike, but when the time comes and you know you have enough, you are so excited to give up all your savings to finally buy it yourself.



For the past two weeks we have heard Jesus teaching in parables with stories such as the mustard seed, the sower (with different types of soil), and the weeds among the wheat. Jesus starts every story by saying,

“The kingdom of God is like...”

The kingdom of God is like a man digging up his treasure so he could buy the whole field. ***The kingdom of God is like*** a merchant looking for a pearl of great price, and when he finds it, he sells everything else to get it. Or ***the kingdom of God is like*** a huge fishnet that is thrown into the sea. When it is full, the fishermen take all the good fish and put them in buckets, but throw away the bad fish.

Jesus wants us to understand that we all must work hard and strive for God's kingdom as our ultimate goal. Don't be like the “bad fish” the fishermen throw away! God has a plan for each one of us to live our lives as good and holy people - to love one another as he loves us. St. Paul says in the second reading, *“We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.”* And what is God's purpose for us? It is the greatest treasure of all - ***The Kingdom of God!***