

Parish of Saint Martin of Tours

40 Seaman Avenue, Bethpage, New York 11714

When Jesus heard of the death of John the Baptist, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard this, they followed him on foot from their towns. When Jesus saw the vast crowds, his heart was moved with pity, and he cured their sick. When evening came, the disciples wanted to send them all home and were dismayed when they were told to feed them. All they had were five loaves and two fish. But then Jesus said, "Bring them here to me."

Matthew 14:13-21



Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 2, 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.

UPDATED SCHEDULE FOR MASS AND CONFESSION AS OF AUGUST 1, 2020

Daily Mass Monday to Saturday 9a.m. 6:30a.m. Mass will resume on Tuesday, September 8th.

Saturday: 5pm

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

CONFESSIONS ARE BACK IN THE CHURCH! SATURDAYS AT 2PM *Please maintain 6 feet distancing on the confession line & confessional door and please continue to wear masks. Thank you!*

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: 8/3 - 8/7/20 9AM-4:30PM

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. August 3**

9AM Dennis Keohane

Tues. August 4 - St. John Vianney, Priest

9AM Vincent Schifano, Sr.

Wed. August 5 - Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

9AM Colleen McNamara, 10th Anniversary

Thurs. August 6 - The Transfiguration of the Lord

9AM Clemencia Zuniga

**Fri. August 7 - St. Sixtus II, Pope & Companions, Martyrs
St. Cajetan, Priest**

9AM Jean Wood & Dorothy Fernandez

Sat. August 8 - St. Dominic, Priest

5PM Dominick Livaccari

Sun. August 9 - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30AM People of the Parish

10AM Edward Rasmussen

12PM Winifred O'Mara, Panos Nicolou

5:30PM Martin Casey

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. Jeremiah 28:1-17; Matthew 14:22-36

Tues. Jeremiah 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Matt. 14:22-36

Wed. Jeremiah 31:1-7; Matthew 15:21-28

Thurs. Deuteronomy 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Peter 1:16-19
 Matthew 17:1-9

Fri. Nathaniel 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Matthew 16:24-28

Sat. Hebrews 1:12-2:4; Matthew 17:14-20

Sun. 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a The story of Elijah's journey to Mount Horeb begins as a flight from danger, but takes a surprising turn. The prophet makes his solitary way to the mountain where the Lord had appeared to Moses and the Israelites ("Horeb" another name for "Sinai"). Like Moses on the holy mountain, Elijah experiences a theophany (an appearance from the Lord) and receives a commission.

Romans 9:1-5 The apostle speaks in strong terms of the depth of his grief over the unbelief of his own people. He would willingly undergo a curse himself for the sake of their coming to the knowledge of Christ. His love for them derives from God's continuing choice of them and from the spiritual benefits that God bestows on them and through them on all of humanity.

Matthew 14:22-23 The disciples, laboring against the turbulent sea, are saved by Jesus. Here that power is expressed also by his walking on the sea.



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

The 2020 Census is still ongoing. You can complete your questionnaire online at www.2020census.gov or by phone. Customer service reps available every day from 7AM - 2AM Eastern on the following phone lines: English: [844-330-2020](tel:844-330-2020) Spanish: [844-468-2020](tel:844-468-2020).

Also, thanks to all donors and volunteers at the food pantry! We serve many families an abundance of food. God Bless You All! This week, the pantry is low on coffee, sugar, cookies, syrup, mayonnaise, ketchup, shampoo, conditioner and toothpaste. 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. 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 August 2 - 8 2020
 Bread & Wine is offered
 In Loving Memory of
 Lucy Doupé



Rest in the Peace of Christ

Annette Mormino

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

REMINDER: Please call the rectory at 931-0818 or email gamit1946@hotmail.com to remove a name from the list.

Please pray for the sick of our parish:

Leevalli Annearosa, Leigh Murphy, Richard Piernini, Joseph Simon, Douglas Torres, Liz Robertson, Amy Hayes, Mom & Dad 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 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, 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, Celina Bauer

The Pastor's Letter



This weekend marks one year since I arrived here at Saint Martin of Tours, along with Fr. Sylvester and Fr. Vincent. I recall a conversation I had with Bishop Nelson Perez (now Archbishop of Philadelphia) a little over a year after he arrived here in Rockville Centre. He said he was having dinner with some people and the question was asked, "How has the last year been?" He responded that other than being asked to move to another diocese, becoming a bishop, and having his car run over by a tractor-trailer (he was involved in a serious accident on the LIE) it was a pretty normal year!

Normally, when a new pastor arrives in a parish with several priests, the other priests have been there a few years. Our parish faced a transition on multiple fronts (new pastor, all new priests, the change from the Redemptorists to Rockville Centre priests, the first major Mass schedule change in over a decade). To all of this, was added a global pandemic and the first complete "shutdown" of public liturgies in our lifetime. It's certainly been an interesting year! In the midst of all that is happening this year, and all that will still happen (we still have over 3 months to the election and at this point is anyone discounting another surprise?), the core of our faith and how we live our faith in this parish remains.

In the meetings of the Pastoral Council over the last year we had begun to talk about the upcoming 100th anniversary. The 100th anniversary of the parish founding and the 100th anniversary of our church dedication are a little over a year apart and form two appropriate bookends to a year-long celebration. In addition to planning for the events of a grand celebration (which we will certainly be doing over the next few years), the events of 2020 allow, or even force, us to examine just what the parish will look like when we get to the Centennial.

Over the next year all of us (clergy, staff, advisory boards, and the parish as a whole) will have to face that question. We have resumed our regular Sunday Mass schedule under capacity limits but as of yet we have not reached the limited capacity at our Masses. What will the congregation look like when the dispensation from Sunday Mass is ended? With Catholic and government schools all scrambling to make plans for the coming academic year, what will our Faith Formation program look like? Should it even be based around an academic year and classroom model? We have a lot to think about in the immediate future.

But in the midst of all of this, the faith and the sacraments remain the same. As Christians we are called to be men and women of hope. And our hope is based only in the Cross of Jesus Christ! We know that Christ is present to His Church until the end of time. So even if some details change, the essential always remains. Perhaps the grace that comes from our current crisis (crises?) is that we (SMT, the Diocese, the Church as a whole) have a chance to stop and really examine what we are doing and how it measures up to our mission. It's a chance to make sure all of our efforts are based on mission and not "maintenance."

What's our mission? About 15 or 20 years ago, "mission statements" were the popular thing. Businesses, organizations, even parishes developed long, wordy statements that were supposed to let the world know what they were about. The problem is that, with the exception of a small group, no one knew what the mission statement meant, or even said! I think Pope Benedict summed up our mission as a Church pretty nicely in three simple statements. *Worship God. Teach the Faith. Serve the Poor.* To my mind, those are our priorities. How do we practically live them? Those are the prudential decisions we will have to make as a parish going forward.

To that end, we have been working on a new parish website, which should be unveiled in the near future. One thing we learned from the pandemic is that while a good online presence can never, and *should* never, replace person-to-person relationships, it is a necessity in our time. Our parish needs to revamp and update our record keeping and the new website and some new tools will enable us to do that. Over the next year or so we will ask every parishioner to update his or her information. We found over the last few months much of what we have on file is outdated. We will also have to make a transition to mostly online communication. The days of mass-mailings are over for financial, environmental, and now even health reasons. It costs a lot in printing, stationery, postage, and manpower to do a parish-wide mailing.

A parish-wide email is quick, easy, and almost free. My goal is to be able to send out a weekly parish email with an electronic copy of the bulletin, parish announcements and events, and some short faith formation material. We are also working for the capability to have registration for Faith Formation and other parish activities, donations, etc. online. We have begun to use Vanco for online stewardship. Thank you to all who have made the switch! We will have a "formal" rollout of the program when things go back to "normal."

I do want to address our parishioners who do not have a computer or any devices for electronic communication. Copies of the bulletin will be available, as it is now, in the church and rectory. I ask those that are able to get the bulletin via *My Parish App* and the website, to please leave the hard copies for those that rely on them.

Thank you to everyone for your stewardship of the parish during these difficult days! We have obviously experienced a large shortfall in collection and other revenue due to the pandemic and the closures. We will need more time to evaluate the long-term effects of that. But because of your ongoing generosity and stewardship, we are in a much better position than we could have been. Like every family, we will have to make adjustments over the coming months and years. We are in this together and we have hope.

Yesterday, August 1, was the Memorial of Saint Alphonsus Liguori. The 9am Mass was offered for the Redemptorists who ministered here for 33 years. It is my plan to make that the intention of one Mass each August 1. Tuesday, August 4, is the Memorial of Saint John Vianney, the patron of parish priests. Please pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood *from our parish*.

Also beginning yesterday we are once again celebrating a 9am Mass on Saturday. The schedule is Monday to Saturday 9am and the regular Sunday schedule. Confessions are at 2pm on Saturday and are once again back in the confessionals in the church. In each confessional, a door (the old confessional door) has been placed between the area for the penitent and the area for the priest. Thus there will be no face to face confession.

The kneeler has also been removed and a chair remains (there is less "touching" with the chair). Penitents are to wear a mask, maintain a 6 foot distance from the confessional door and from each other on line. Penitents should sanitize hands before coming inside the confessional. The mask, hand sanitizing, a barrier, and distance should maintain the cleanliness and safety of our confessionals. Beginning the Tuesday after Labor Day we will go back to our full Mass and confession schedule.

First Communion and Confirmation information are available both on the Parish App and last week's bulletin on the parish website. The Faith Formation Office will open on Monday, August 10. At the 10am Mass next Sunday we as a parish have the privilege to baptize, receive into the Church, and confirm three new parishioners. Due to the pandemic we were not able to celebrate these Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. Thank you to Ann Hughes and her team for all they do, especially with the constantly changing circumstances of this year!

This weekend I will be away from SMT covering another parish for a friend who for this month has to divide his time between two parishes that are miles apart.

So with all this said, remember to - *Worship God! Teach the Faith! Serve the Poor!*

Father Christopher Costigan, Pastor

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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.

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.





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

OUR WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIFT

July 26, 2020: Total Amount Received - \$10,818.20
(mail-ins \$5,226.00; church \$5,592.20)

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?

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Catechist Training Level II

Zoom

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/

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS for the week of August 3rd - 8th. We will have a fuller schedule next week and will keep you informed.

Monday	9am - 4:30pm
Tuesday	9am - 4:30pm
Wednesday	9am - 4:30pm
Thursday	9am - 4:30pm
Friday	9am - 4:30pm

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will offer their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at **Saint Martin of Tours Parish - Saint Alphonsus Hall on 9/11/2020**. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis.

Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle] www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle or text the word circle to 797979**

INSTRUCTIONS TO RESERVE A SEAT FOR WEEKEND MASSES

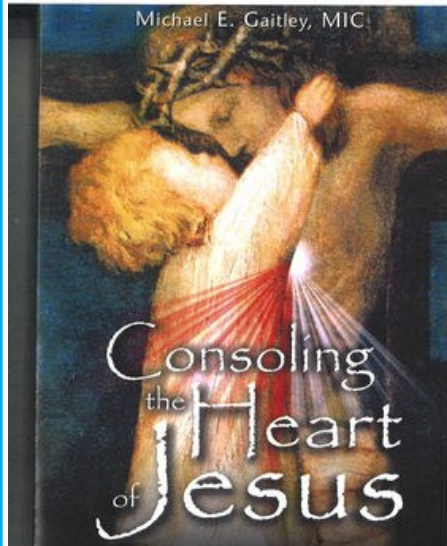
Our reservation system is active and can be found here

<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

Orientation and Introduction to Consoling the Heart of Jesus

<https://watch.formed.org/videos/orientation-and-introduction-1>

The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, along with the teachings of Sts. Thérèse of Lisieux, Faustina Kowalska, and Louis de Montfort are brought together by Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC, to lead us to trust in Jesus, the Divine Mercy.

This is a 10 week program that was done previously at SMT, and was well attended, the participants found it to be very inspirational adding what they learned on how to incorporate and enhance their prayer lives. Prayer is the key that unlocks God's Heart. The book, *Consoling the Heart of Jesus* is optional but very helpful. If desired it can be found at Marian.org or Allheartsafire.com.

With all that is going on in the world, we are living in a time of unprecedented evil and sin, but God will not be outdone in his generosity bestowing his Graces and Mercy to combat that. *Consoling the Heart of Jesus* helps us unite our suffering to Jesus, thus consoling his Sacred and Merciful Heart, especially at 3:00 p.m., the hour of great mercy for all mankind as written in the Diary of St. Faustina, the secretary of Divine Mercy, and as requested by Jesus.

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.

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!

THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

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

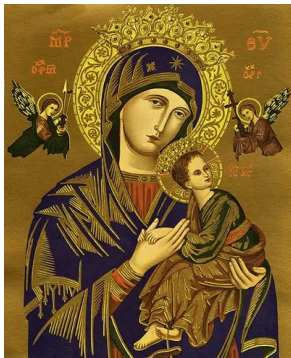
VOLUNTEER NEEDED

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!*



Bulletin Reflection: "The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs." When you are stressed or afraid, who or what do you turn to? Do you turn to our Loving God?

Living Stewardship ~ Pillar of Formation: The Second Reading for this week is so powerful. Let us encourage our brothers and sisters by reminding them that nothing can separate us from the love of God.



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

It's a good thing we don't have to be perfect for God to love us! Perfection is hard to maintain. We all have moments of perfection - from pitching a no hitter to getting 100's on tests. Can you imagine the pressure one feels to keep that up? So relax! God accepts and loves you just as you are. Besides - He already has a perfect child! We are still meeting on ZOOM and would love to have you join in. You don't have to be a member of our group. Everyone is welcome. It will be the best hour of your week! **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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Congratulations!

**SMT Parishioner Lawson Hohmann
2020 4th Quarter Honor Roll Status
St. Francis Preparatory School**

Help Our Parish Club (HOP)

Here are the winners from July 27 - 31, 2020. Congratulations to all!

7/27/2020	#471	Dawn O'Shaughnessy	\$25
7/28/2020	#607	Joseph & Santa Cambria	\$25
7/29/2020	#277	Anne Weingarten	\$25
7/30/2020	#80	Kyle Basilicato	\$25
7/31/2020	#143	Carmela Biggin	\$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

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

ROSELINE LIFE CENTER 24 HOURS 631-243-2373

PROJECT RACHEL WWW.HOPEAFTERABORTION.COM

**Baby Safe Haven, Safe Babies, Safe Place 1 (877) 796-HOPE
Adoption, Foster Care**

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

NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE 1-800-4-Child or 1 800-422-4453



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

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USCCB.ORG NEWS: BISHOP CHAIRMEN CONDEMN ACTS OF VANDALISM AT CATHOLIC SITES: July 22, 2020:

WASHINGTON: Archbishop Thomas G. Wenski of Miami, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Committee (USCCB) on Religious Liberty, and Archbishop Paul S. Coakley of Oklahoma City, chairman of the USCCB's Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development, issued the following statement in response to reports of increasing incidents of church vandalism and fires:

"In the last few weeks, we have witnessed, among other things, one church rammed with a car and set on fire, as well as statues of Jesus Christ and of the Virgin Mary defaced or even beheaded. An historic mission church has also been badly damaged by fire, and the cause is still under investigation. Whether those who committed these acts were troubled individuals crying out for help or agents of hate seeking to intimidate, the attacks are signs of a society in need of healing. In those incidents where human actions are clear, the motives still are not. As we strain to understand the destruction of these holy symbols of selfless love and devotion, we pray for any who have caused it, and we remain vigilant against more of it. Our nation finds itself in an extraordinary hour of cultural conflict. The path forward must be through the compassion and understanding practiced and taught by Jesus and His Holy Mother. Let us contemplate, rather than destroy, images of these examples of God's love. Following the example of Our Lord, we respond to confusion with understanding and to hatred with love."

CATHOLIC NEWS AGENCY EWTN: POPE FRANCIS ASKS YOUNG PEOPLE TO "SEND A HUG" TO THE ELDERLY:

Pope Francis asked young people to reach out to the elderly, especially those in nursing homes, to send a message of encouragement amid the loneliness of the coronavirus pandemic. *"In the memory of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus, I would like to invite young people to make a gesture of tenderness towards the elderly, especially the most lonely ones in homes and residences, those who have not seen their loved ones for many months. Dear young people, each of these elderly people are your grandparents. Do not leave them alone, they are your roots."* Pope Francis suggested that young people can use the *"inventiveness of love"* to *"send a hug"* to an elderly person in their community by making a phone or video call, sending a card, or making a visit when safety measures allow.

OFFICE OF HUMAN LIFE, FAMILY AND BIOTETHICS DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE: respectlife@drvc.org.

WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED: A YEAR OF SERVICE: July 24, 2020: A one hour introductory webinar was available for anyone who wants to help local women in difficult circumstances who are pregnant or parenting young children. USCCB staff *WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED* and equip participants with the tools needed to bring this year of service to their own parish community. The purpose of this initiative is to evaluate the resources the Diocese has in place already, (which we seem to have a good amount) where we are lacking, what we can build on and how we can network more efficiently with the agencies that serve women, families and children.

The goal is to create a Diocesan wide database so each parish would have access to those resources and be able to address the needs of their parishioners or those who reach out to help with a difficult pregnancy, or those in need of support. Due to the impact of COVID-19, many dioceses across the country have had to postpone their official launch of WWMIN. To account for these unforeseen challenges revised timelines have been suggested and alternate schedules for completing the Year of Service. For example, possibly beginning October 2020 for Respect Life Month or beginning January 2021.

Please continue to check on neighbors, grandparents, or those most vulnerable during this coronavirus pandemic. Thankfully, the numbers of those infected have decreased in New York, and many businesses, stores and restaurants are open, but for those most vulnerable, it may be still difficult and in need of help.

BibleWise

Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand

Matthew 14:13-21

Jesus fed over five thousand people with five loaves of bread and two fish. Some words from this story are hidden in the basket. Try to find all the words listed below.



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Jesus Multiplied 5 Loaves of Bread and 2 Fish to Feed Over 5,000 People!

How did Jesus do such a spectacular miracle?



Well, we know that Jesus could have done anything, so for us it shouldn't be too surprising. And He didn't need to use the food that was offered to Him by a boy who was there. He was God. He could have produced food out of a couple of rocks. Yet He took what someone had, and out of compassion for the people, He used it to feed the multitude. All the boy had to do was be willing to be used. And we can allow God to use our lives, too. We trust Him to provide for us, and we trust Him to use whatever we give Him.

We might not think that we have a lot of talent or ability or potential. But God sure does.

He will take care of our needs, and He will use us in ways we can't even imagine. We bring ourselves, and He makes a new and wonderful creation out of our sinful lives. What a miracle!