

Parish of Saint Martin of Tours

40 Seaman Avenue, Bethpage, New York 11714

When Peter took his focus off the Lord and realized the fierceness of the raging storm, he began to sink and cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately, Jesus reached out his hand and took hold of him saying, "O you of little faith! Why did you doubt me?"

Matthew 14:22-33



Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 9, 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.

THE CLERGY

Rev. Christopher Costigan, Pastor
 Rev. Sylvester Iлека, 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

UPDATED OFFICE HOURS ON PAGE 6.

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 10 - St. Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr

9AM Marcelo & Natalie Zadra

Tues. August 11 - St. Clare, Virgin

9AM Lily Smith, Living

Wed. August 12 - St. Jane Frances de Chantel, Religious

9AM Maria Puppo

Thurs. August 13

9AM John Miele

Fri. August 14 - St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr

9AM Beatrice Hermann

Vigil of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7PM People of the Parish

Sat. August 15 - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9AM Christina Smith, Living, Mark & Margaret Ridge

Masses for the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5PM Bernie Lavin

Sun. August 16 - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30AM People of the Parish

10AM James Henson

12PM Christopher John Hall, Eleanor Martin

5:30PM Judy Hoffman, Living

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. 2 Corinthians 9:6-10; John 12:24-26

Tues. Ezekiel 2:8-3:4; Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wed. Ezekiel 9:1-7, 10:18-22; Matthew 18:15-20

Thurs. Ezekiel 12:1-12; Matthew 18:21-19:1

Fri. Ezekiel 16:59-63; Matthew 19:3-12

Sat. Revelation 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab;
 1 Corinthians 15:20-27; Luke 1:39-56

Sun. *Isaiah 56:1, 6-7* *The prophet reveals that salvation is not only for the Chosen ones, but for all who keep the Sabbath and hold fast to the covenant of the Lord.*

Romans 11:13-15, 29-32 *Inasmuch as Paul is the apostle to the Gentiles who were disobedient but found acceptance and mercy through Christ, so too, in the end God's mercy shall be upon those who were first favored by the Lord even in their disobedience.*

Matthew 15:21-28 *A Canaanite woman pleads with Christ, referring to him as the son of David to have mercy on her and to cure her suffering daughter. He was silent at first. He then explained that he was sent for the lost sheep of the house of Israel. "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." Pleadingly she said, "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." Because of her faith and fervent prayer, her daughter was cured that very hour.*

Rest in the Peace of Christ

Joan C. Vaccarino, Angelina Tota

Victims of COVID-19
 throughout the world



“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 9 - 15, 2020
Bread & Wine is offered
In Loving Memory of
Clemencia & Gonzalo Zuniga



Week of August 9 - 15, 2020
Sanctuary Candle is lit
In Loving Memory of
Jerome Viviano



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, Joan Happ, Anthony Valente, Jr., Gerry McCarthy, Paul Caparatta, Celina Bauer

The Pastor's Letter



Today at the 10am Mass we are very happy to celebrate the sacraments of initiation with three of our fellow disciples. Jake Geller will be baptized into the Catholic faith, be confirmed, and receive the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. Jordyn Geller will be confirmed and receive the Eucharist. Stacey Rapacki will be received into the Holy Catholic Church, confirmed, and receive Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. We congratulate them for taking these important steps in their faith lives. Together with the sponsors we pray and support them as they grow in living the faith as disciples of the Lord. Thank you to Anne Hughes and

her team for all you do, especially during this most unusual year!

If you, or someone in your family, has not completed your sacraments of initiation, (baptism, confirmation, and Eucharist), please let us know! If you, or someone in your family, was married outside of the Church, please let us know as well so you can receive the sacrament of matrimony (and all of the graces it provides for living marriage in this difficult time).

This is a good time to provide a brief reminder about the requirements for sponsors (godparents). Please contact us if you are unsure of the requirements BEFORE you ask someone! This will avoid any awkward or difficult conversations with someone who does not meet the requirements! Sponsors must be fully initiated Catholics (baptism, confirmation, and Eucharist), 16 years of age, live a life in harmony with the faith, and have no impediments that would prevent the person from being a sponsor (such as a marriage outside the Church). Sponsors have a specific sacramental and canonical role. Being a "good person" is not enough. For more information, you can see the Diocesan Sponsor Testimonial Form here <https://www.drvc-faith.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/Baptism-and-Confirmation-Sponsor-Information-2-29-16.pdf>. This is the form used by all parishes in the Diocese of Rockville Centre. A potential sponsor is to fill out this form with the proper information and bring it to *his or her own parish* (not the parish of the baptism or confirmation unless it is the same parish). The sponsor signs the form testifying before God and the parish representative that he or she meets the requirements. The pastor or representative then signs as notary.

This Saturday, August 15, is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The obligation to attend Mass remains suspended, but we continue to celebrate the entirety of the liturgical calendar. Masses will be on Friday, August 14 at 7pm and Saturday, August 15 at 9am. Throughout August and early September daily Masses are Monday through Saturday at 9am. Confessions are at 2pm in the confessionals once again. Please note there is no option for face to face confession. All are reminded of the necessity to wear a mask that *covers both mouth and nose* for the entirety of your visit to the church. Our full regular Mass and confession schedule will return the Tuesday after Labor Day.

In evaluating Mass attendance over the last month, I have determined that we do not need to continue using the Mass reservation system at this time. It may still be used for special Masses and events and for Sunday Masses in the future if needed. Thank you once again for all your cooperation!

Father Christopher Costigan, Pastor

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The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Because August 15th falls on a Saturday this year, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is not a Holy Day of Obligation.

Nonetheless, the Mass During the Day will be celebrated at the 7PM Vigil on Friday, August 14th and at 9AM on Saturday, August 15th.

The Gospel reading is from Luke:1:39-56 which recalls a pregnant Mary traveling to see her cousin Elizabeth who is also with child - even in her old age. The moment she heard Mary's greeting, Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and cried out in a loud voice saying,

"Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord, would be fulfilled."

What follows in this gospel is *The Magnificat* also known as *The Canticle of Mary* or *Mary's Song*. Listen to the Sisters of the Daughters of Mary sing this beautiful hymn from the link below. Although it is sung in Latin, meditate on the paintings, because as revealed in the eyes of Mary and Elizabeth, the exchange between the two women transcends all languages.

<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=video+of+Daughters+of+Mary+singing+Magnificat&docid=608025278758456068&mid=D669994015FEACB26330D669994015FEACB26330&view=detail&FORM=VIRE>

MASS RESERVATIONS UPDATE

In evaluating Mass attendance over the last month, Father Chris has determined that we do not need to continue using the Mass reservation system at this time. It may still be used for special Masses and events and for Sunday Masses in the future if needed. Here is the link for future reference.

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

Thank you all for all your cooperation!

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

Saturday: 5pm

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

CONFESSIONS ARE IN THE CHURCH: SATURDAYS AT 2PM *Please maintain a 6 foot distance from the confessional door and from each other while on line. Please continue to wear masks. Thank you!*



Tighten the loops or ties so it's snug around your face, without gaps.



Mask should cover from just under the bridge of your nose to under your chin.

We want to thank our parishioners and visitors to St. Martin of Tours for wearing their masks. However, in order to abide by all guidelines, please note that masks must cover your nose, mouth and chin while inside of our church. Wearing the mask under your nose or under your chin does not prevent the spread of COVID-19.

We also understand that people suffer from asthma and other chronic illnesses and masks may make it hard for breathing. In that case, the Diocese of Rockville Centre still has the dispensation in place which

allows you to watch Mass on TV or online. While this is not ideal, it is an option to keep you and everyone else safe.

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

WE ARE NOW OPEN ON SUNDAY MORNINGS!
As of Monday, August 10th - Saturday, September 5th

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| Monday | 9am - 7:00pm |
| Tuesday | No Evening Hours |
| Wednesday | 9am - 7:00pm |
| Thursday | 9am - 7:00pm |
| Friday | 9am - 7:00pm |
| Saturday | 9am - 6pm |
| Sunday | 8am - 12pm |



Banns of Marriage

*2nd Nicholas Zinnanti &
 Stefanie LoPinto*

1st Eugene Muhs & Carol Hattery



2020 MASS BOOK - 6:30 INTENTIONS NOTICE

We will resume the 6:30AM Mass beginning Tuesday, September 8, 2020 (the day after Labor Day). The 2020 Mass Book is now available for you to book 6:30AM intentions.

(The 2021 Mass Book is not open as yet.)

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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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 or text the word circle to 797979**

AN OPEN LETTER FROM PRINCIPAL VINCENT ALBRECHT, ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR SCHOOL

Dear Parents,

Over the past few months, I have received numerous inquiries as to how St. Edward School will reopen in the fall. I wanted to share this information with you, knowing that as the guidelines come forth from the Governor and plans emerge from the local school districts, you may want to consider all the options available to you and your child(ren). I'd be happy to discuss this with you at any time.

For the 2020-2021 school year, St. Edward the Confessor is planning to offer five-day instruction to all our students from grades K-8 with three options:

- Full instruction in school for Early Childhood, Elementary & Middle School
- Hybrid instruction in school and via Google Classroom and Google Meet
- Full Remote instruction at home via Google Classroom and Google Meet

Under St. Edward's Reopening Plan, parents will be able to choose the instruction best suited for their needs and concerns. The complete education of every one of our students - and the safety & wellbeing of our students, faculty, and staff - remain our priority!

I believe that our plan will allow St. Edward's to offer an enriching experience, one that addresses the academic, social, emotional, and spiritual needs of all our students. The plan has also been designed to offer flexibility, with the understanding that there may be times during the course of the 2020-2021 school year that students need to participate in remote instruction.

Our Reopening Plan is the result of months of discussion, research, and planning. In order to create a safe Reopening Plan, compliant with New York State Department of Health guidelines and recommendations set forth by the Governor and Diocese of Rockville Centre, St. Edward the Confessor School convened a task force including healthcare and other professionals, educators and advisors, and parents and students. In addition, we contracted the services of Perrotta Consulting LLC to review and supplement our Plan, and have implemented their recommendations. (Perrotta Consulting specializes in threat mitigation and emergency operation planning.)

There are many components of reopening that the task force has addressed including: implementation of a three-part educational plan (in school, hybrid, remote); class size; -transparent barriers in offices and classrooms; use of face masks; creation of hand sanitizing stations; reconfiguration of traffic patterns both in the building and at drop off/pick up; further integration of Chromebooks and iPads in everyday learning; use of Google Classroom; creation of an isolation room; specific guidelines for entering the building; outdoor learning; purchase of supplies and equipment; and physical education.

Our complete Reopening Plan is available on our website at www.stedwardconfessor.org I know these are uncertain times.

Rest assured of my prayers for you and your children. If you would like to visit the school and find out more about what St. Edward School can offer your child(ren), I'd be happy to meet with you. I can be reached at valbrecht5571@stedwardconfessor.org.



FORMED FOR ADULTS

CONVINCED:

Why Would Anyone Become Catholic?

Why would intelligent, successful people give up careers, alienate friends, and cause havoc in their families...to become Catholic? As he was considering his own move into the Church, Donald Johnson traveled around the country to get the story for himself, from some of today's

most interesting and articulate Catholic voices.

This is an excellent video for everyone, but especially for people that have fallen away from the Church or for non-Catholics considering entering the Church. Some of the worthy comments and topics that were insightful and inspiring from this video were: *The reason I converted to Catholicism was "I became enchanted with the Person of Christ" - Brandon Vogt.*

The other topics covered to become a Catholic were Apostolic Succession, going back to learn the Church Fathers, Marian Dogma in Scripture in the Book of Revelation, Read the CCC, The Myth vs. Inaccuracies of the Catholic Faith," Finding "the Pearl of Great Price" from the gospel of Matthew as quoted by Dr. Taylor Marshall, and a universal simple conclusion is that because the Catholic Faith is TRUE. The three outstanding guideposts of the Faith are Truth, Beauty, and Goodness.

Featuring Jennifer Fulwiler, Holly Ordway, Abby Johnson, Jeff Cavins, Brandon Vogt, Scott Hahn, Francis Beckwith, Patrick Madrid, Devin Rose, Mark Shea, Leah Libresco, Kevin Vost, Richard Cole, Mark Regnerus, David Currie, Matthew Leonard, Taylor Marshall, Jason Stellman, John Bergsma, Patrick Coffin, Christian Smith, and Kenneth Howell.

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- 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: When the winds start to beat down on us and we feel as though we could drown in our stresses, sorrows and worries, do we trust in Jesus? Do we find it difficult to trust in Him when times are tough?

Living Stewardship ~ Pillar of Hospitality: God is generous to His children. This week be generous and kind to all you meet.



Mother of Perpetual Help hasten to help us!

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.

CONGRATULATIONS SMT PARISHIONERS!

2020 4th Quarter Honor Roll Status

ST. FRANCIS PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Jane McNamara

CHAMINADE HIGH SCHOOL

FRESHMEN: Alexander J. Beattie, Ryan M. Spero

SOPHOMORES: Ryan J. Farrell, Nicholas A. Larocca, Matthew J. Mullen Drew F. Spero

JUNIORS: Samuel T. Beattie, Sean M. McDermott

KELLENBERG MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

Ava Anzalone, Sierra Brennan, Michael Dux, Joseph Foley, Ryan Foley, Brendan McCann, Isabel Notaro, Elizabeth Rizzo, Matthew Seminario, Nicholas Seminario, Daniel Settino, Mikaya Smith & Megan Zabrowski



Charismatic Prayer Group

Back to gardening!! We all have weeds in our lives. Like the weeds in our gardens, if you don't get the root out, it will soon grow back. Some are easy to pull out, while others grow really deep. What weeds are you dealing with? If you keep repeating the same issues, then you are just pulling off the tops of your weeds. Let us help you to get at the roots.

Join us via ZOOM on Mondays at 7:30PM. All are welcome. No need to belong to the group just join in! Call 516-993-9672 for more information or prayer requests.

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

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Help Our Parish Club (HOP)

Here are the winners from August 3 - 7, 2020. Congratulations to all!

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| 8/3/2020 #103 | Margaret Banes | \$25 |
| 8/4/2020 #53 | John & Joan Gozaloff | \$25 |
| 8/5/2020 #418 | M/M John Battaglia | \$25 |
| 8/6/2020 #476 | Maryann Davidock | \$25 |
| 8/7/2020 #7 | Steven & Barbara Damiani | \$50 |

We want to thank all our HOP members - current and new - for sending in your membership dues. Just so you know, you don't have to be a member of SMT to join! HOP is open to family and friends from far and wide to be a part of the HOP Club! There are plenty of numbers open. And this year, we are giving people a choice to pay in full or twice a year. It would greatly help our operating budget since that's what HOP's all about, and the prizes are great as well!

Thanks once again for keeping HOP going. God bless you and our parish!

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

RESPECT LIFE

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Life Center of Long Island August Newsletter

Many times as consultants, we are not aware of what our words and prayers have accomplished. More often than not, it is truly a team effort. Sophia* was a young mom with a 1-year-old and found herself with what she considered an untimely pregnancy. She had been coming to the Life Center for a couple of years for her first pregnancy test kit and following the birth of her son. What transpires in the Life Center visits is a trusting relationship that enhances a confident spirit between the client and the consultants. In a six-month span during Sophia's second pregnancy, she was abortion vulnerable, undecided. As she met with another consultant for baby items for her son, she left that visit with a positive pregnancy test and an appointment for a sonogram at the Gianna Center, yet her situation was very much unresolved.

In three months, Sophia returned for another visit for her son with a different consultant and was still undecided at this time. It's very troubling for the team as we know the outcome if she were to go through an abortion. We believe each consultant has a word of wisdom for the client. As we consider the journey of the client, we can see that more and more of her story was being unveiled, like the peeling of an onion. There was betrayal, abuse, and now single parenting of two children on the horizon. All that we can do is continue to talk and pray about the gift of life and the support she would be receiving throughout her pregnancy.

Prayer is key, and through COVID-19 and the minimal volunteers available, the staff at the Life Center has continued to rely on one another at each center to ask for prayer in difficult cases, such as this one. Our volunteers are vital to this mission, and yet as always, God provided during this untimely pandemic. Another three months passed with some communication with the client but no confirmation of a decision in either direction. Our guess was Sophia was struggling.

Then, the call came through. She would need more items for her new baby to be born in a few days! I can't really say we worry too much at the Life Center about not having enough baby items. We have seen it time and time again that we can be cleared out of an item a new mom needs, and then miraculously, what was needed is now fulfilled with God's providence through generous donations from so many different directions! The donations did not stop throughout the lockdown crisis.

Most who are reading this article can't fathom how a mom like Sophia can wait so long to gather all that is needed for a newborn baby. The stress and anxiety shuts down a woman's initiative to provide even the most basic needs for her children. At the Life Center, we provide exactly what a new mom needs: love, support, prayer, conversation, and material aid. It is a process to behold!

*name changed to protect confidentiality



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.

BibleWise

Peter Walks on the Water

Matthew 14:22-33

Read the Scripture passage.

Peter trusted Jesus and the Lord took care of him.

Use the code to find out what we should do.

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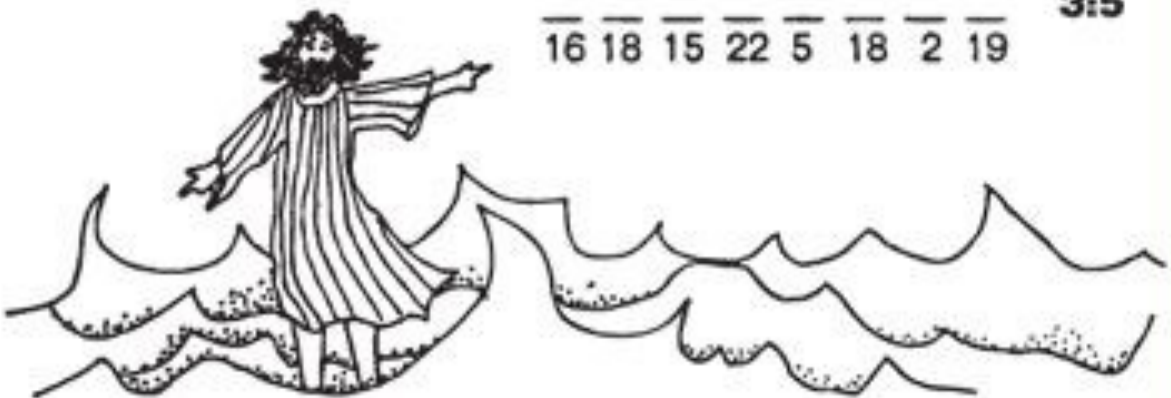
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What happens if you're playing baseball or softball and don't listen to your coach's advice to keep your eye on the ball? What happens if you're hammering in nails and lose focus on the task? What happens if you're stapling something and get distracted and your finger gets in the way? In any of those cases you're likely to mess up what you're doing at best, and at worst could actually get pretty hurt. When you're dealing with a dangerous task you want to stay focused so that you can do the job well and safely.



Jesus had a powerful lesson to teach his disciples that night on the Sea of Galilee. Your faith, like everything in your life, needs focus. Without focus, there is no faith. Faith's most basic definition is trust, but if your trust is scattered all over the place, it doesn't actually trust in anyone or anything. Jesus urges us, the Holy Spirit helps us, keep our faith's true focus.

So when Peter lost his focus on Jesus and became frightened of the raging sea, he began to sink! He cried out, "please save me!" Jesus was there to lift him up. He was teaching Peter and all of us to keep our eyes focused on God and not be distracted by the things of the world some of which can be harmful. Keep your faith and trust in him especially when things are really hard. God will give you strength and the grace to persevere!