

Parish of Saint Martin of Tours

40 Seaman Avenue, Bethpage, New York 11714

“Have pity on me, Lord, son of David! My daughter is tormented by a demon.”
This Canaanite woman - this Gentile - knew from the start that Jesus came for the chosen of Israel; but her faith in him was greater than those he came to save. Their conversation ended by the Lord saying, “O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.”



Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 16, 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 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

UPDATED OFFICE HOURS ON PAGE 11.

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

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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.

Rest in the Peace of Christ

George Kempf, Mariapia Tanteri

Victims of COVID-19
 throughout the world

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Mon. August 17

9AM John Speelman, Birthday Remembrance

Tues. August 18

9AM Bill Veltri

Wed. August 19 - St. John Eudes, Priest

9AM Bill Veltri

Thurs. August 20 - St. Bernard, Abbot & Doctor

9AM Marty Laraia

Fri. August 21 - St. Pius X, Pope

9AM Jack & Maryellen Finlay

Sat. August 22 - Queenship of the Blessed Virgin

9AM The People of the Parish

5PM Terri Marie Minett, Anniversary

Sun. August 23 - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30AM Lena Garces

10AM William Lane

12PM Gerald Doherty, Michael Barry

5:30PM The People of the Parish

 READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. Ezekiel 24:15-24; Matthew 19:16-22

Tues. Ezekiel 28:1-10; Matthew 19:23-30

Wed. Ezekiel 34:1-11; Matthew 20:1-16

Thurs. Ezekiel 36:23-28; Matthew 22:1-14

Fri. Ezekiel 37:1-14; Matthew 22:34-40

Sat. Ezekiel 43:1-7ab; Matthew 23:1-12

Sun. *Isaiah 22:19-23* *The Lord tells Shebna, the scribe, "I will thrust you from your office and pull you down from your station and replace you with the honorable Eliakim."*

Romans 11:33-36 *Paul writes to the Romans about the inscrutable judgments and unsearchable ways of God: For from him and through him and for him are all things.*

Matthew 16:13-20 *In the Gospel, Peter answers Jesus' question, saying, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus blesses Peter and proclaims him as the rock upon whom he will build his Church.*



"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).

The Pantry will be closed August 24 - 28 and will reopen on August 31st.

This week, the pantry is low on coffee, tea, ketchup, paper towels, napkins, toothpaste, shampoo & conditioner. 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. **THANK YOU once again to all our contributors!**

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 16 - 22, 2020

Bread & Wine is offered

In Loving Memory of

Bill Veltri



Week of August 16 - 22, 2020

Sanctuary Candle is lit

In Loving Memory of

Bill Veltri



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, Serafina Rose Maniscalco Scott Cullen, Tom Engelhart

The Pastor's Letter



We began scheduling First Communion and Confirmation using our parish Mass Reservation System (<https://pastorstoolbox.com/save-a-seat/ede6e591-a5e0-57aa-af37-6448103e2de4>) this past Thursday. Beginning tomorrow morning, August 17, you may contact the Faith Formation Office with any requests for First Communion or Confirmation at weekend or weekday Masses. Permission must be sought from the Bishop for Confirmation so plans must be made in advance of the date and last-minute changes will not be possible.

We are currently working on our Faith Formation Program for this coming year. It will not begin until after First Communion and Confirmation have been completed. There are still many details to work out. However, I can say that it will not be the previous program based on a one hour a week classroom session. The focus of the new program will be the Sunday Eucharist and living the faith as a Catholic family. Once we have the details worked out, we will advertise for registration.

We are hoping to have registration completely online this year. Our new website will be launched in the coming weeks. We have also acquired software from the makers of our Parish App that will be able to instantly send out messages to email, text, app, Facebook, twitter, etc. at the preference of the parishioner. It will greatly improve our communication. In order for us to send information, we need to know where to send it! As part of our new website and technology efforts, we will be making a push for everyone in the parish to enter their information, especially email! We learned during the Covid shutdown that much of our information is outdated or incorrect. Many people have changed addresses, phone numbers, and even email addresses since they registered with the parish. Remember, many of you last provided registration information years ago! The new system will enable us to communicate regularly and effectively. Of course, we will still publish the bulletin. But the bulletin is published by the middle of the week and, as we have seen over these months, developments happen between Wednesday and Sunday.

As I am writing this our sound system is being upgraded and overhauled. Hopefully you experienced the improvement before you read these words! In addition to fixing some problems and upgrading discontinued equipment, we have added wireless capability and the ability to transmit sound digitally to cameras or recorders. This will enhance our ability to record or perhaps stream liturgies from the church. If you remember back on Palm Sunday we streamed Mass from the church but the sound was not good. This will eliminate that problem. This was all done thanks to your generosity in the previous capital campaign!

Until we are able to have an offertory procession again, the collection will be taken up as you enter or leave the church. There are locked boxes by the main doors. Should there be two collections, each box will be clearly marked. Thanks again for your continued stewardship of your parish.

Father Christopher Costigan, Pastor
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Bishop's letter: Catholic faith shows the danger of 'mediums'

www.licatholic.org



Bishop John Barres has released a new letter to the faithful of the Diocese of Rockville Centre addressing the dangerous practice of using "mediums" to communicate with the dead, saying "while the desire to connect with the dead and find hope in loss may seem perfectly Christian, the practices condemned by our faith actually corrupt those good desires and lead us further away from God."

In the letter, released August 12 the Bishop says, "As Christians we believe the soul lives on even after the body dies.... We cling to the belief that we and those we love are not subject to eternal nothingness. But human nature always seeks assurance, and an increasingly popular supposed path to such assurance is recourse to mediums."

"On television and the internet we see countless mediums who travel far and wide claiming to connect the bereaved with loved ones on the "other side." Some have reached a celebrity status, with waitlists extending out years and drawing thousands of people to their live shows. Knowing things they seemingly should not know, they are able to persuade an audience member that they are speaking to the departed, sharing messages of comfort, forgiveness, and encouragement."

"At times, they even announce that they are practicing Catholics and, understandably, this strikes many as a beautiful work of faith, bringing solace to the sorrowful," writes Bishop Barres, adding that "the dangers of these practices are not obvious, making them all the more perilous."

"We can speak of two hidden dangers associated with any form of divination, but especially with consulting mediums: first, the practices attempt to circumvent God; second, to put it plainly, if frighteningly, in doing so they open one to demonic influence." The complete letter can be found on this link:

http://licatholic.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Final_Mediums_and_the_Catholic_Faith_08_12_2020.pdf

Turn to Me

Turn to Me, O turn, and be saved, says the Lord, for I am God; there is no other, none beside me. I call your name. I am God, who comforts you...Listen to me, my people; give ear to me, my nation: a law will go forth from me, and my justice for a light to the people.

Based on Isaiah 45:22-23;51:12, 4, 6. Text and music copyright 1975, John B. Foley, S.J. and OCP. All rights reserved. Used with permission.



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

**August 9, 2020: Amount Received - \$11,659.20 (mail-ins \$4,320.00; church \$7,339.20)
 Sacristy Needs \$1,244.00 and Vanco on-line giving \$3,280.00 (July)**

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 - SEPTEMBER 11, 2020 - ST. ALPHONSUS HALL

Appointments must be made through Life Line Screening

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, call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle or text the word *CIRCLE* to 797979**

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!*****

**Daily Mass Monday to Saturday 9am 6:30am Daily Mass will resume on Tuesday, September 8th.
Saturday: 5pm Sunday: 7:30am, 10am, 12pm, 5:30pm**

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

Reservations to attend weekend Masses are suspended at this time. However, should it become necessary in the future, here is the link for your reference.

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



FORMED FOR ADULTS

Mary: The Mother of God Episode 5 • 1h 15m

She was a humble girl from an ordinary Jewish family. Yet Mary said a simple "yes" and came to be exalted as the Daughter of Zion, the Mother of God, and the Queen of Heaven.

Filmed on location in Turkey, Israel, and Greece with popular Catholic author and speaker Stephen Ray, this study allows us to follow the dusty paths that took Mary to the

heart of the salvation story. By discovering the Mary of the Bible, you'll know and love her Son even more. And you'll discover the truth behind Mary's Immaculate Conception, Assumption into Heaven, and role as intercessor.

This video corresponds well with the Feast of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on August 15th. Stephen Ray does a wonderful explanation of the role of Our Lady in our Catholic Faith, and how her powerful Yes to God proved to be a profound moment in the history of the Church for all of her spiritual children throughout the ages, and for all eternity where she intercedes for us in Heaven.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.

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>



Bulletin Reflection: “Observe what is right, do what is just.” As stewards of the Faith, we are called to live according to the teachings of the Church.

Living Stewardship ~ Pillar of Prayer: We will all experience some hurt or pain in our lives. Let us, like the Canaanite woman, run to Jesus and ask Him to have pity on 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.

Mother of Perpetual Help hasten to help us!

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

 **The Office of FAITH FORMATION
DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE**

Basic Virtual Religious Studies Course (2020)

Via Zoom

New Testament

August 17 – August 20, 2020

7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Church

August 24 – August 27, 2020

7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Christology

August 31 – September 3, 2020

7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Building Intercultural Competence for Ministers

Via Zoom

Evening

Oct 12, 19, 26; Nov 2, and 9

7:15 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Mornings

Oct 13, 20, 27; Nov 3, and 10

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

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

One of the “behind the scenes” ministries is the Altar Society, and one of their jobs is caring for purificators* that are used at all Masses.

*Purificators are folded in thirds and placed over the chalice and under the paten. These small linens are the most frequently laundered of all the linens in liturgical use. Purificators are used to clean out the chalice and paten after communion.

Volunteers are on a rotation schedule to pick up the used linens, wash and iron them at home, then drop off at the church or rectory. *Please contact Betty Croan at 516-681-5678.* She can surely use the help for a fuller rotation list.

Many thanks!!



Charismatic Prayer Group

The opposite of winning is not losing. It's quitting, or worse, not even trying. We learn more from our losses than from our winnings. Losing is an opportunity to grow and improve yourself. Teaching your children how to lose and benefit from it, may be one of their greatest lessons.

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=NDE5a0INaUQ0cDdkVDJERm00UC9vUT09>

Meeting ID: 806 781 3931 Password: stmartin

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

Help Our Parish Club (HOP)

Here are the winners from August 10 - 14, 2020. Congratulations to all!

8/10/2020	#461	Helen T. Brennan	\$25
8/11/2020	#185	Kenzie Basilicato	\$25
8/12/2020	#425	Eleanor Szmytkowski	\$25
8/13/2020	#204	Brian & Angela Bofill	\$25
8/14/2020	#459	Linda Ross	\$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



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

Monday	9am - 7:00pm
Tuesday	9am - 5:00pm (no evening hours)
Wednesday	9am - 7:00pm
Thursday	9am - 7:00pm
Friday	9am - 7:00pm
Saturday	9am - 6:00pm
Sunday	8am - 12:00pm



Banns of Marriage

3rd Nicholas Zinnanti & Stefanie LoPinto

2nd Eugene Muhs & Carol Slattery



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.





The St. Vincent de Paul Conference of St. Martin of Tours Parish will hold the **12th ANNUAL FRIENDS OF THE POOR WALK** to raise money for parishioners and neighbors who are experiencing financial hardships as the result of COVID-19.

THE WALK WILL TAKE PLACE ON ST. MARTIN'S PROPERTY

WHEN: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2020

TIME: BEGINNING WITH THE 9:00 AM MASS

Weather permitting, we will then walk around St. Martin's property as a show of solidarity with people having a difficult time. Please join us on September 26th – coincidentally, the feast of our patron, Saint Vincent de Paul – Apostle to the Poor.



Society of African Missions
(SMA) AMERICAN PROVINCE

The Society of African Missions (SMA Fathers) is an international Catholic Missionary institute founded by Venerable Bishop Melchior Marion de Brésillac of France in 1856 with the specific charge by Pope Pius IX for the establishment and

development of the Catholic Church in Africa. For 164 years, the SMA Fathers have been instrumental in establishing parishes, schools, clinics and communities in 19 countries on the African continent, including the recruitment of local clergy and religious. Our work is unique. SMA operates directly under the Propagation of the Faith and our success has been through the generosity of the faithful.

Fr. Dermot Roache, Brooklyn native, will be sharing more on the work of the missions the weekend of August 22 and 23. The national headquarters is located at 23 Bliss Avenue Tenafly NJ 07670. For more information log onto www.smafathers.org.

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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.**

RESPECT LIFE

respect · love · protect

These are trying times. We have faced a global pandemic, lost loved ones, and had our way of life changed, maybe for a long time to come. We now wear face masks to prevent the spread of this virus, We space ourselves from others, especially loved ones if we are vulnerable. Many of us have lost our jobs, are anxious about meeting our obligations, and for a time, our churches were closed.

When we found our way through COVID-19, protests against the police began by the senseless death of George Floyd. Protesting lead to some rioting, and our cities have come under siege. Protesters standing up with their message, have been threatened by the violent atmosphere around them. And so, freedom of speech and protest is being threatened.

Now we face the aftermath of Hurricane Isaias. Somewhere in the range of 500,000 of us lost all power, in a heat wave that produced temperatures exceeding 90 degrees or more. Trees came down taking with them power and cable lines, closed streets and left us in darkness. Some of us were forced to leave our homes to live with others and worry about the spread of COVID. Those who needed oxygen or life saving electrical devices, were left to go to the E.R. or for some, to shelters.

These are times of great stress and anxiety. Many of us who are still living without power, or are unable to go home, need our prayers and concern. We need to reach out to them to help in any way we can. Pope Francis has these words for us: *EVEN IN TIMES OF DARKNESS, GOD IS THERE!*

CNA: EWTN: Vatican City, Aug. 9, 2020. "When caught in difficult moments or trials, turn your heart to God, who is near even when you do not search for Him," Pope Francis said in his Angelus address Sunday. "Having faith means, in the midst of the storm, keeping your heart turned to God, to His love, to His tenderness as a Father. Jesus wanted to teach this to Peter and his disciples, and also to us today, in moments of darkness, moments of storms," the pope said.

"Perhaps we, in the dark, cry out: 'Lord! Lord!' thinking that He is far away. And He says: 'I'm here! Ah, he was with me!'" "God knows well that our faith is poor and that our path can be troubled, blocked by adverse forces. But He is the Risen One, do not forget this, the Lord who went through death to bring us to safety."

"In those situations, the Church may be tempted to think that God has abandoned her, but in reality, it is precisely in those moments that the witness of faith, the testimony of love and the testimony of hope shines the most," he said. "When we feel strong doubt and fear and we seem to sink, in the difficult moments of life, where everything becomes dark, we must not be ashamed to cry out, like Peter: 'Lord, save me!'" excerpts from CNA <https://www.catholicnewsagency.com>

Please continue to check on neighbors that might still be without power or in need. Give thanks that our churches are open once again. Maybe stop by to light a candle for those who are still in harm's way.

The Prayer of Faith



Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective. James 5:16 (NIV)

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Have you ever heard the word, "Unexpected?" In case you haven't, something that is *unexpected* is something that is a surprise. For example, you might be planning something fun on a sunny day, but suddenly it rained once you got outside, that would be unexpected. I wanted to share this word of "unexpected" with you because in today's scripture story, Jesus does some things I think most of us find to be unexpected.

The story begins with a woman asking Jesus to heal her daughter. Instead of saying "Yes" or "No," Jesus ignores her, which is the first unexpected thing that he does. Then, when she keeps asking him for help, he tells her that he can't because there are other people he is supposed to help instead. This is a very unexpected thing for Jesus to say. And I am sure the woman did not expect this answer from Jesus, either. But, guess what? The woman did not give up. Instead, she gave Jesus so many reasons why he should help her. And you know what? Jesus decides to help her and her sick child! He knew that her believing in him was more powerful than the people he was supposed to help. By the time she got home, her daughter was completely healed!

This story is important because the woman doesn't give up. It doesn't matter what unexpected things happen, she just keeps asking for help. And eventually that help is offered to her. I think this story is told because it helps us think about what happens when we ask God for help. We might expect certain things to happen when we ask for help in prayer. But unexpected things might happen instead. Those unexpected things might make us feel like we should just quit asking God for help. But what we see in today's gospel is a reminder that when unexpected things happen after asking for help, that we should *keep* asking for help, *keep* praying to God. God hears our prayers and knows what is best for us, even if those answers are not what we expected.