

# *Parish of Saint Martin of Tours*

*40 Seaman Avenue, Bethpage, New York 11714*

“And I tell you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven.”

Matthew 16:18-19



*Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time*



## **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

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**UPDATED OFFICE HOURS ON PAGE 9.**

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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](http://smtbethpage.org). Click "Contact" found at the left, to  
 the form.

Change of address: Please notify the rectory.

*Rest in the Peace of Christ*

Frank Ceglio, Christine M. Miale  
 Donald J. Sullivan

Victims of COVID-19 throughout the world

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**Mon. August 24 - St. Bartholomew, Apostle**  
 9AM Benito Picinic

**Tues. August 25 - St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz**  
 9AM Neil Kilkenny

**Wed. August 26**  
 9AM Gloria Waller

**Thurs. August 27 - St. Monica**  
 9AM Dorothy Duke, Birthday Remembrance

**Fri. August 28 - St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor**  
 9AM Neil Kilkenny

**Sat. August 29 - The Passion of St. John the Baptist**  
 9AM James & Gillian Schilling  
 (Wedding Day Blessings)  
 5PM Lawrence Abernanti

**Sun. August 30 - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 7:30AM The People of the Parish  
 10AM Butch Thomas  
 12PM Richard Hlinko, Jean S. Harms  
 5:30PM

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. Revelation 21:9b-14; John 1:45-51  
 Tues. 2 Thess. 2:1-3a, 14-17; Matthew 23:23-26  
 Wed. 2 Thess. 3:6-10, 16-18; Matthew 23:27-32  
 Thurs. 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; Matthew 24:42-51  
 Fri. 1 Corinthians 1:17-25; Matthew 25:1-13  
 Sat. 1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Mark 6:17-29  
**Sun. *Jeremiah 20:7-9* Jeremiah accuses the Lord  
 of duping him, for his prophesies are met with laugh-  
 ter and mocking, derision and reproach.**

***Romans 12:1-2* Paul encourages the Ro-  
 mans "to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice."**

***Matthew 16:21-27* Jesus reveals that he  
 must suffer greatly, and Peter attempts to dissuade  
 him. Jesus accuses Peter of thinking not as God does,  
 but as human beings do. He then tells his disciples  
 that in order to follow him, they must take up their  
 cross.**



*"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](http://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](mailto: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 23 - 29, 2020

Bread & Wine is offered

In Loving Memory of

Benito Picinic



Week of August 23 - 29, 2020

Sanctuary Candle is lit

In Loving Memory of

Benito Picinic



**REMINDER:** Please call the rectory at 931-0818 or email [gamit1946@hotmail.com](mailto: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*



**T**his weekend we welcome Fr. Dermot Roach, SMA of the Society of African Missions. The SMA Fathers were founded by Venerable Bishop Melchior Marion de Bressilac of France in 1856, with the specific charge by Pope Pius IX for the establishment and development of the Church in Africa. As a result of their work, and many other missionary orders, Africa is among the most vibrant and fastest growing local churches in the world. Donations to the Missions Appeal may be placed in the "Second Collection" box located at the doors of the church, or may be dropped off at the office in an envelope clearly marked "Mission Appeal." All Catholics have an obligation to support the missions by our resources and by our prayers.

We are in the process of preparing for the celebrations of First Holy Communion and Confirmation that were postponed from this spring. These sacraments will be celebrated during September and the first week of October. Previous bulletins, app messages, and emails provided the registration information. If you have still not registered for a liturgy, or wish to receive the sacrament at a weekday or weekend liturgy, please contact the Faith Formation Office directly by emailing Pat Ryan or Laura Leigh Agnese ([pryan@smtbethpage.org](mailto:pryan@smtbethpage.org), [llagnese@smtbethpage.org](mailto:llagnese@smtbethpage.org)). Specific information about the liturgies, including any rehearsal information, will be provided at a later date. Registration information for the coming Fall will be provided at a later date once all details have been worked out. I apologize to all who were not able to access the registration website in a timely manner last week.

As we prepare for Faith Formation this coming year, I would ask all parents to reflect on the promise they made before God and the Church on the day of their child's baptism. At the beginning of the rite, after stating the name given to their child, parents were asked this question (emphasis added):

*You have asked to have your child baptized. In doing so you are accepting the responsibility of training him (her) in the practice of the faith. It will be your duty to bring him (her) up to keep God's commandments as Christ taught us, by loving God and our neighbor.*

*Do you clearly understand what you are undertaking? PARENTS: We do.*

The goal of our, and any, faith formation program is to assist parents with this promise. Parents are, and always should be, the first educators of their children in the faith. Parents have a natural right to see to their children's education in general. In a society where this role is increasingly being taken over by the state, the Church does and always will emphasize and protect the natural rights of parents and the family.

Our maintenance staff regularly sanitizes the church with a hospital-grade disinfectant. However, each of us have a part to play in keeping our beautiful church clean. We can do that by using common sense and very basic practices. If the church building is "clean," and each of us come in "clean," then it should remain clean. How do we do this? First and foremost, please wear your mask. Even if you don't think the mask works, please don't be the reason your fellow parishioner does not feel safe coming to Mass!



Second, come in with clean hands! Please bring a small sanitizer and clean your hands before you come in. If you are wearing gloves, please sanitize your hands and put on a new, clean pair of gloves after you enter the church! Wearing gloves into the church that you have used all day is the same as having dirty hands. Remember, you cannot receive Holy Communion in a gloved hand.

The bathroom will be unlocked but should only be used in emergencies. Mass is roughly one hour. This is half the time of a normal movie and about the average length of a drive from here to the George Washington Bridge in traffic. Of course, the bathroom is there if we really need it, but if we can regularly get through a movie or a drive without using it, we should consider that for Mass as well.

If each of us does our small part we can ensure there are no complications and we return to "normal" as soon as possible. Thank you for your continued patience, understanding, and generosity.

*Remember, we're all in this together!*

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

### *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.



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

**WEATHER PERMITTING, THE WALK WILL TAKE  
 PLACE ON ST. MARTIN'S PROPERTY**

**WHEN: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2020**

**TIME: BEGINNING WITH THE 9:00 AM MASS**

***Please join us on September 26th – coincidentally, the feast of our patron, Saint Vincent de Paul – Apostle to the Poor.***

To contribute, checks are made payable to: **SMT St. Vincent de Paul Conference**. You can mail or drop off at St. Martin of Tours Rectory, 40 Seaman Avenue, Bethpage NY 11714. There will also be a box in the gathering area marked "Friends of the Poor Walk." ***Thank you for your generosity!***



**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!

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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](http://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](mailto: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 <b>Catholic Ministries Appeal</b>
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>**

# *An Evening of Prayer With Our God*



*St. Martin of Tours Church*  
*Wednesday, September 9, 2020*  
*7:30 - 8:30 p.m.*



A time of silence...

A time to listen...

A time to feel

the embracing love of our God

As we end the season of summer, let us come together with Father Vin Schifano as a Faith Community - as we begin the season of autumn - as we begin to go back to work - as we begin a new school year - as we begin to move to some normalcy in our lives!

## *What to expect:*

- Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament
- Readings
- Litany
- Silence
- Benediction

There will be a special blessing for all students returning to school in the Fall!  
 We pray for them and all who work and teach in our schools and colleges  
 to keep them safe from all harm.

Due to seating limitations, we ask that you register by going to the link below.  
 For those who do not have devices, please call the rectory to reserve a seat.

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

*"Come to Me all you who are weary and burdened  
 And I will give you rest."*



## *SMT Youth Ministry School Supplies Collection*

Our Youth Ministry in conjunction with Parish Outreach will be collecting donations of school supplies.



Saturday, August 29, 2020

9:30am - 11:00am

Church Parking Lot



Please place your donations in your trunk and one of the teens will come to your car to retrieve it.

Thank you for whatever you can do!

*Father Vin*

### 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

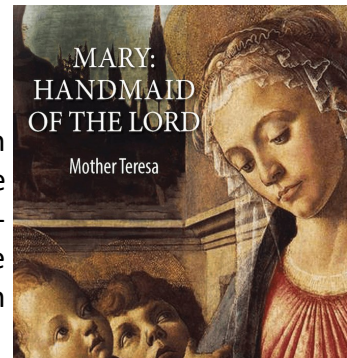


### PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL

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*

**FORMED FOR ADULTS****Mary: Handmaid of the Lord by St. Teresa of Calcutta**1h 1m

St. Teresa of Calcutta is known throughout the world as a woman who was totally committed to the Gospel. In this inspiring talk, she shares her insights on the Blessed Virgin Mary as a model of womanhood and perfect discipleship. She shows us that we, too, can do the will of God by saying "yes" to the Lord in the big and little things in our lives; nothing is too insignificant.

**Hope in Mercy with Fr. Michael Gaitley**

15-Aug-2020

Was Vatican II a mistake? Has Pope Francis departed from the teaching of his predecessors? Does the Holy Spirit have something to say about the troubles in the Church and the world today? Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC, answers these questions and more.

<https://watch.formed.org/videos/hope-in-mercy-with-fr-michael-gaitley>

**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.

**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.)

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>

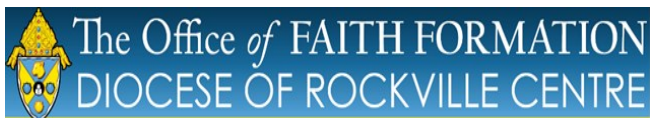


**L**oving and faithful God, the coronavirus reminds us that we are dependent on you. We place ourselves in your loving hands. Give eternal rest to all who have died from the virus. Place your healing hand on those who are ill, and give your protection to us in this time of fear and uncertainty.

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.



#### **Basic Virtual Religious Studies Course (2020)**

##### **Via Zoom**

##### 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](http://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!!*



## FATIMA

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**IN THEATERS AND ON DEMAND AUGUST 28**

Inspired by the true story, discover the miracle that changed the world forever!

See FATIMA and spread the message of hope and peace that our world need now, more than ever.

Charismatic Prayer Group



Waves can be fun. Surfers know which waves are good and riding in its curl must be an awesome feeling. But sometimes waves aren't fun at all. They crash on us, knock us down and just keep coming. Remember, Jesus calmed the waves of the storm and He will calm the waves in your life too. He's a great Life Guard!!

**Join us via ZOOM on Mondays at 7:30PM.** All are welcome. No need to belong to the group just join in! Please 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

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Banns of Marriage

*3rd Eugene Muhs & Carol Slattery*



Help Our Parish Club (HOP)

Here are the winners from August 17 - 21, 2020. Congratulations to all!

8/17/2020	#357	Laura Kopec	\$25
8/18/2020	#366	M/M Lucio Gandolfo	\$25
8/19/2020	#61	Joanne Veltri	\$25
8/20/2020	#207	M/M Salvatore F. Aquilina	\$25
8/21/2020	#516	Mary & Billy Grieve	\$250

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



## Society of African Missions

(SMA) AMERICAN PROVINCE

Fr. Dermot Roache, Brooklyn native, will be sharing more on the work of the missions **THIS WEEKEND, AUGUST 22 & 23**. The national headquarters is located at 23 Bliss Avenue Tenafly NJ 07670. For more information log onto [www.smafathers.org](http://www.smafathers.org).

The Society of African Missions (SMA Fathers) is an international Catholic Missionary institute founded by Venerable Bishop Melchior Marion de Br sillac 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.

### **FOR HELP IN A CRISIS PREGNANCY**

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

**ROSELINE LIFE CENTER 24 HOURS 631-243-2373**

**PROJECT RACHEL [WWW.HOPEAFTERABORTION.COM](http://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**

You are invited to join other Catholics across the country by praying the rosary in an initiative called Million Rosary March, which began August 15th and ends December 8th, both Marian feasts. Pray the rosary for unity, healing and forgiveness caused by divisiveness in our Nation.



**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](mailto: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.**



**Bulletin Reflection:** "You are Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church." Jesus says these words to St. Peter, the first Pope. This Gospel reading is one of the examples of Peter's authority over the other Apostles.

**Living Stewardship ~ Pillar of Formation:** Who is Jesus to you? Is He just a role model and wise man? Or is He the Christ, the Son of the living God? Think about your relationship with Him as you enter this upcoming week.



# RESPECT LIFE

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## **CDC REPORT FINDS ONE IN FOUR YOUNG ADULTS CONTEMPLATE SUICIDE: Washington D.C. Newsroom, (CNA) Catholic News Agency, EWTN: Aug. 14, 2020:**

Over a quarter of young adults aged 18 - 24 have seriously contemplated suicide over the last month, a new Centers for Disease Control survey has found. The report titled MENTAL HEALTH, SUBSTANCE USE and SUICIDAL IDEATION DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC - UN.S., June 24 - 30 2020 was published on August 14. The data was collected from adults across the United States in late June. Tommy Tighe, a marriage and family counselor and host of the Catholic mental health podcast SAINT DYMPHNA'S PLAYBOOK, told CNA that he found the data to be "really heartbreaking, though expected."

After months of extended lockdowns across the country, and anxieties about the coronavirus pandemic, Tighe said, "our baseline level of anxiety has gone up during this experience. Trying to live with this higher baseline has certainly impacted our ability to tolerate frustration and stress." According to the CDC, 40.9% of respondents reported at least one adverse mental or behavioral health condition, including symptoms of anxiety disorder or depressive disorder 30.9% symptoms of a trauma-and-stressor-related disorder related to the pandemic, 26.3% and having started or increased substance use to cope with stress or emotions related to COVID-19 13.3%.

Of all respondents, 10.7% reported "having seriously considered suicide" in the 30 days prior to taking the survey. "Mental health symptoms and healthy coping skills to combat those symptoms are ignored by our culture at large, and thus many of us are left utterly unprepared for dealing with an experience of this magnitude." During the pandemic, schools of all levels throughout the country closed to in-person instruction. For graduating seniors at colleges and universities - most of whom are in the 18 - 24 age group, this meant that their final semester of college was spend online. Many students had their jobs or internships canceled due to the unstable economic effects of the pandemic. This would cause significant mental/emotional distress. They may feel their lives are on hold or delayed, and do not know when they can resume their lives.

Sophia Swinford, the founder of Catholic Mental Health, a nonprofit organization aiming to increase awareness and access to mental health resources for Catholics, told CNA that she is concerned that the stigma surrounding suicide prevents people, particularly those of a religious faith, from getting help. People need to reach out to one another during this time. "We need to talk to each other and see how people are doing. We live in a time when we have technology to be a consistent contact with each other. People need to pray for each other. Taking a break from media and other settings that heighten anxiety is also important." excerpts taken from CNA: August 14.

Much of what we see and hear on social media is upsetting to say the least. We have been watching the course of COVID-19 effect our lives in so many ways. Our children are returning to school soon, and stress over their safety is a concern to many parents. We have just gotten past a hurricane that has left many without power and downed utility wires. We see quiet protesting, some rioting in our cities and attacks on police on a daily basis. We need to find ways to cope with these issues, and prayer and reaching out is a great way. Realizing the stress factor that this pandemic has had on most of us, and that many of our youth are not dealing with it in a healthy way, should make us reach out and find help when there are signs of depression in them.

**WHO IS JESUS? - HE IS MUCH MORE THAN A FRIEND**

What are the qualities you look for in a friend? Someone who is kind. Someone who seeks you out and is friendly. Someone who likes you and accepts you just the way you are. Someone who will help you when you need help. Can you think of other qualities a friend might have?

How do you know someone is your friend? Yes, you can tell someone is your friend by the things they do – they show love and friendship. Their actions prove that they are a real friend.

Jesus talked about this when he was with his disciples. He asked all of them, **“But who do you say that I am?”** Simon Peter answered, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” All of the qualities of a friend are found in Jesus. We know that by reading about the life of Jesus and learning about the loving and compassionate things he did. Simon Peter knew, first hand, that Jesus was a friend because he saw how Jesus lived his life, how he offered love and helped others.

Jesus, however, is more than a friend; he is “the Son of the living God.” The true identity of Jesus was made known to Simon Peter by God. As we pray and study the Bible, Jesus is revealed to us also, as more than a friend. Jesus is a friend and the Son of the living God.