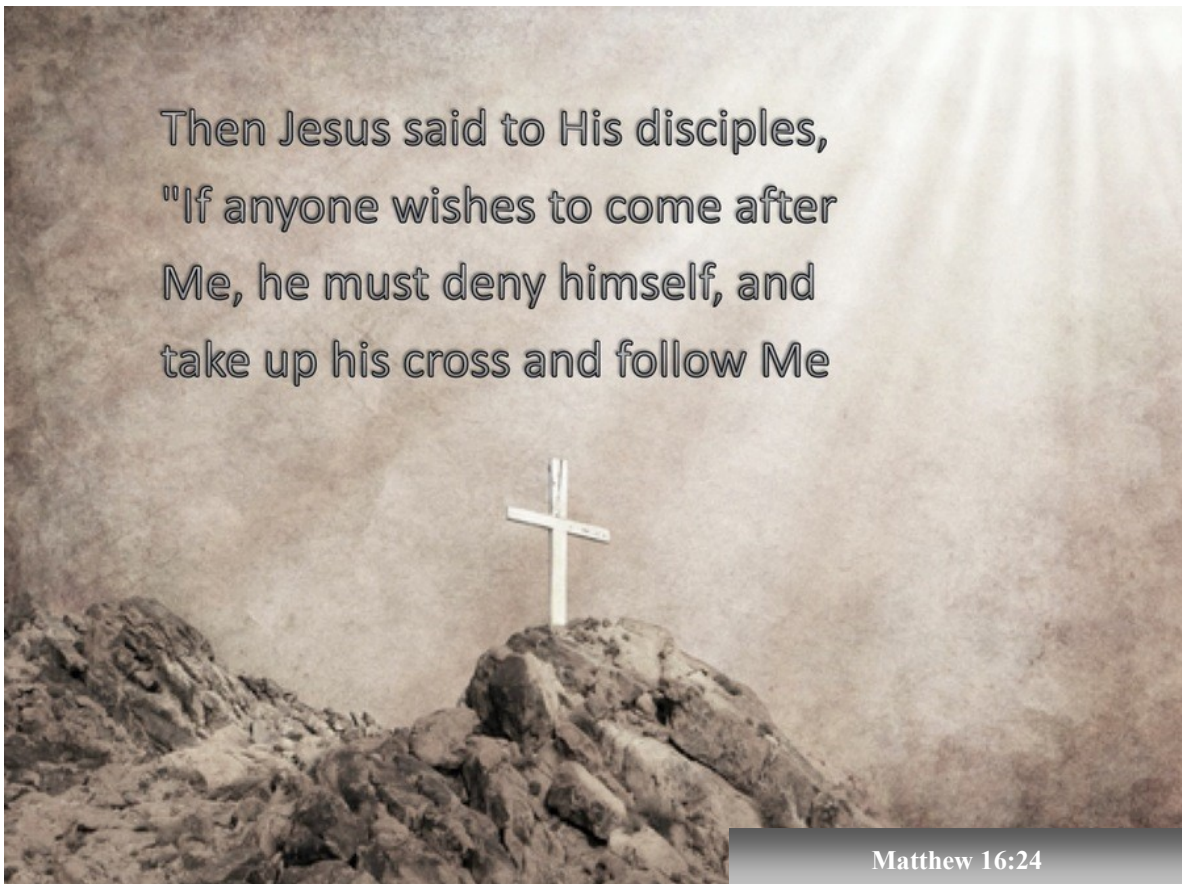


Parish of Saint Martin of Tours

40 Seaman Avenue, Bethpage, New York 11714

Jesus told his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem, suffer greatly, die and on the third day be raised. Peter took Him aside expressing his horror at the thought. But Jesus turned to Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me! You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Matthew 16:21-23

Then Jesus said to His disciples,
"If anyone wishes to come after
Me, he must deny himself, and
take up his cross and follow Me



Matthew 16:24

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 30, 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 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.

Rest in the Peace of Christ

Henry F. Meaney, Rosemary Kenney
 Giacomo Sanfilippo

Victims of COVID-19 throughout the world

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Mon. August 31

9AM Olivia Mary

Tues. September 1

9AM Stephen Timoszuk

Wed. September 2

9AM Shirley Peterson

Thurs. Sept. 3- St. Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor

9AM Marty Laraia

Fri. September 4

9AM John Prendergast

Sat. September 5

9AM Deacon James Biggin

5PM Mary M. Lai

Sun. September 6 - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30AM

10AM Augustin Ondrek

12PM Neil Kilkenny

5:30PM The People of the Parish

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Luke 4:16-30

Tues. 1 Corinthians 2:10b-16; Luke 4:31-37

Wed. 1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Luke 4:38-44

Thurs. 1 Corinthians 3:18-23; Luke 5:1-11

Fri. 1 Corinthians 4:1-5; Luke 5:33-39

Sat. 1 Corinthians 4:6b-15; Luke 6:1-5

Sun. Ezekiel 33:7-9 The Lord tells Ezekiel that he will be held responsible for the death of the wicked one if he does *not speak out to dissuade him from his way.*

Romans 13:8-10 St. Paul writes that *the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.*

Matthew 18:15-20 Jesus gives instructions for correcting another, gives authority to bind and loose, and promises *where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.*



"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).

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 Aug 30 - Sept 5, 2020

Bread & Wine is offered

In Loving Memory of

Anthony & Virginia Buffa



Week of Aug 30 - Sept 5, 2020

Sanctuary Candle is lit

In Loving Memory of

Richard Hlinko



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, Doris Krahn Jimmy Brown, 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, Ann Sadecki, Scott Cullen, Tom Engelhart, Jane Edwards Lexie Baudo

The Pastor's Letter



Thank you to Fr. Vin, our Parish Outreach Team, and Youth Ministry for organizing our Back-to-School supply collection yesterday. Thanks especially to those who donated much-needed school supplies. With the uncertainty resulting from Covid as well as the ever-changing rules on reopening the economy, these donations go a long way to supporting our parishioners and neighbors. If you still wish to donate any supplies, see page 9 of this bulletin or you can contact Fr. Vin or Parish Outreach. Take advantage of the Back-to-School sales to support your neighbors!

Thank you to all who supported the Mission Cooperative Collection last weekend. We were blessed with the presence of Fr. Dermot Roach, SMA. Fr. Dermot is a Brooklyn native who has spent most of his ministry serving the Church in Africa, a continent that is mainly poor materially but very rich spiritually. You can still donate to the Mission Appeal by dropping an offering off to the office or in a future collection in an envelope clearly marked for the Mission Appeal.

We will be holding an Evening of Prayer at 7:30pm on Wednesday, September 9 in the church. This will be a night to reflect on God's graces during this time of pandemic as well as pray for those beginning a new academic year. See the bulletin for more information.

A few weeks ago an instruction came out from the Vatican about the necessity for the minister of baptism to use the appropriate formula for the sacrament and the invalidity of any baptisms conferred with other, alternative formulae. Recently, a young priest from the Archdiocese of Detroit was able to watch a video of his own baptism from the mid 1980s. He was shocked to discover that the deacon who baptized him did not use the words of the Church but instead substituted words of his own. After investigation it was determined that his baptism was in fact invalid--he was a non-Christian layman not a Roman Catholic priest! He had to be baptized, confirmed, ordained a deacon, and then ordained a priest. But this not only affected him, it affected his whole parish! While the baptisms he celebrated were undoubtedly valid, none of the confirmations, Masses, confessions, or anointings *were*. You can see the ripple effect! The Archbishop of Detroit wrote a letter to the people, which can be found here

<https://www.aod.org/august-23-2020-letter-to-the-faithful-english?fbclid=IwAR0kJvsY7GrYADTRFbmKCKyq0CoLc5aoPtBHKXUlpmtSuoHC6usCsxDmrCU>.

I bring this up because it points to the importance of us doing things the right way and thinking and acting with the mind of the Church. It's very tempting to think we might know better or can come up with words or rituals that are more "meaningful" or "relevant" to our particular time and place. No doubt, the deacon that "baptized" Fr. Hood was not doing anything malicious. He probably had the good intent of creating a "meaningful" experience by making a "pastoral adaptation." Often I am asked why we must do things a certain way or why we can't make an exception for this particular Mass, funeral, wedding, or group. "What's the big deal if we want to do something different or more meaningful to us?" It's an honest question. But the whole point is that, like St. John the Baptist, we *decrease* and Jesus *increases*. Our sacraments and rituals allow us to enter into something larger than ourselves. It takes humility, and fosters humility, when we are able to put aside our own wants and desires so to allow the will of God to grow within us.

I read a beautiful reflection a few years back about a bride choosing her wedding dress. Like many brides, she spent hours and hours searching for the perfect dress. She finally found the one she wanted. However, she began to have second thoughts after reading bridal magazines and hearing from some friends that it was a more "generic" dress that hundreds of brides had worn over the years. She was dismayed because even though she really liked the dress, it wasn't the unique, special dress that she and only she was supposed to have. So she once again began the search and found something she liked that was "unique and special." She was about to finalize the sale but her heart wouldn't let her follow through. She really liked and wanted the first dress, the "generic" one hundreds of brides had worn before. She kept the original dress and had a great wedding.

In reflecting on the episode she wrote that she had almost given into the societal pressure to make everything at her wedding unique and special to her--to make it all about her. But the fact that she wore a dress that so many other brides had worn, and said the same vows that every other bride had said, meant that she was entering into something bigger than herself. The union with her husband in marriage was not just about her, or her and him, but it was about them living their vocation of marriage in the Church and the world.

True prayer, especially our communal, liturgical prayer, requires humility. Remember, humility doesn't mean we debase ourselves. It means we know who we truly are and live accordingly. The liturgy reminds us that we are the baptized, part of the Body of Christ here on earth in preparation for being with the Trinity in the next life. What can be better than that?

Father Christopher Costigan, Pastor
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NOTICE FROM CROSSING GUARDS OF NASSAU COUNTY

The parish was notified that a crossing guard will be assigned for weekend Masses as follows:

- Saturday 5:00 p.m. Mass: because of darkness, a crossing guard will be stationed at the corner of Central Avenue & Broadway at the traffic light.
- Sunday 7:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. & 12 p.m.: during daylight hours, a crossing guard will be stationed at the crosswalk in front of the church. There will be no crossing guard for Sunday 5:30 p.m. Mass.

The 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 ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, which is the feast of our patron, St. Vincent de Paul, Apostle to the Poor, beginning with the 9AM Mass.

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 unwavering generosity!*

OUR WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIFT

August 23, 2020: Received - \$11,438.20 (mail-ins \$3,699.00; church \$7,739.20)

SMA Fathers Mission Total Collection: \$3,728.00

Breakdown of Mission Collection:

- \$3,203.00 - from weekend Masses of August 22 & 23
- \$ 525.00 - held in safekeeping from the original Mission date

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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**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

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.



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>

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."*

We're Extending the School Supply Collection!

If you missed donating Saturday morning, August 29th and would like to help, bring your school supplies to the rectory during business hours from Monday - Saturday, August 31st - September 5th.

Most needed items include:

- Marble Composition Notebooks
- Pens, Pencils, Crayons, and Colored Pencils
- 1 inch loose-leaf ring binder
- Wide rule loose-leaf paper
- Loose-leaf dividers
- Plastic 2 pocket folders
- Glue sticks and Elmer's liquid glue
- Highlighters
- Pencil Case



If you see supply items that you know children would need other than what is listed, please feel free to purchase them.

Back-packs have been donated to the parish by our benefactors!

Any questions, please call Fr. Vin at the rectory or e-mail at vfrvincent@aol.com. The Youth Ministry, Parish Outreach and I would like to thank everyone for your kindness and generosity! - Father Vin

Charismatic Prayer Group

Joseph's story is not about the "Technicolor Dreamcoat." It's about betrayal, torture and certain death, or so the brothers thought. But God had different plans. He used the evil deeds of Joseph's brothers not only for his own good but for the good of many. Sounds a lot like Jesus' story doesn't it? Joseph never despaired or held bitterness against his brothers. He was not a "Why me-er." If you are in a deep pit of your own, God will use it for your good too, if you let Him.



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=NDE5a0lNaUQ0cDdkVDJERm00UC9vUT09>

Meeting ID: 806 781 3931 Password: stmartin

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



*The Saint Peregrine's Candle will be lit
August 28 - September 3, 2020
For Intentions of Healing for
Linda Dupree*

**Pray
for
Vocations**


 A logo for "Pray for Vocations" featuring a hand holding a cross. The text "Pray for Vocations" is written in a stylized font, with "Pray" and "Vocations" in a larger, bolder font than "for".

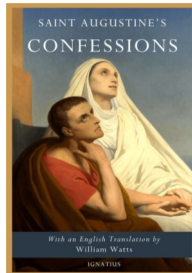


FORMED FOR ADULTS

Restless Heart: The Confessions of Augustine

This movie is not rated, but was created with an adult audience in mind. It may contain intense scenes indicative of the life and times of the saint or character portrayed. We would recommend Parental Guidance and that parents preview it before watching with children.

Filed in Europe, this first full-length feature movie on St. Augustine uses a historic backdrop to tell the true story of one of the Church's most beloved and well-known saints. Its message of sin, conversion, and redemption is as timely today as it was in the fifth century. It is the story of a gifted man who pursues fame and fortune without a moral compass—and the dramatic changes that occur in his soul when challenging events lead him to see the light of truth. It also chronicles the collapse of the Roman world and how Augustine laid the intellectual foundations of what would later become Europe. Alongside Augustine, the stories of two other great saints, Monica and Ambrose, are also portrayed.



Saint Augustine's Confessions in Latin and English by St. Augustine

The Confessions of Saint Augustine is considered one of the greatest Christian classics of all time. It is an extended poetic, passionate, intimate prayer that Augustine wrote as an autobiography sometime after his conversion, to confess his sins and proclaim God's glory. Just as his first hearers were captivated by his powerful conversion story, so also have many millions been over the following sixteen centuries. His experience of God speaks to us across time with little need of transpositions.

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!



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 We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, and our Redeemer.
hasten to help us!



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



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

THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

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



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 completely 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.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Help Our Parish Club (HOP)

Here are the winners from August 24 - 28, 2020. Congratulations to all!

8/24/2020	#102	M/M Thomas Fazio	\$25
8/25/2020	#595	Gertrud Louwers	\$25
8/26/2020	#615	M/M Leonard Mormino	\$25
8/27/2020	#33	Patricia Gaynor	\$25
8/28/2020	#609	David Gierasch	\$50

LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS TO JOIN THE HOP CLUB!

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

Name _____

Address _____

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Please circle payment method.
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\$30 second payment due 2/1/21

Cardinal Dolan's prayer opens Republican National Convention

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (CNS) -- New York Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan thanked God for living in a country that respects religious freedom and prayed for people battling COVID-19 and those caring for them, the unborn, the elderly, immigrants and refugees during the opening evening of the Republican National Convention.

The cardinal offered the prayer, which was prerecorded, prior to a full evening of speakers Aug. 24. The cardinal also prayed "that all lives may be protected and respected, in our troubled cities and the police who guard them." The minute-long invocation recalled the men and women of the U.S. military serving "in tense world situations" working to "keep the peace."

Cardinal Dolan also prayed for people facing serious challenges including those whose lives are "threatened by religious persecution throughout the world, or by plague, hunger, drugs, human trafficking or war." "Pray we must in thanksgiving, in thanksgiving, dear God for democracy."

The prayer concluded with a request that God bless the convention, the presidential nominees of both major political parties and for God's "wisdom upon an electorate so eager to perform its duty of faithful citizenship."

Addressing political conventions is not new for Cardinal Dolan. In 2012, he offered prayers at both the Republican and Democratic national conventions. Then president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, Cardinal Dolan prayed for the unborn, alluded to same-sex marriage and urged a renewed commitment to religious liberty during the GOP convention eight years ago.

A week later, during the Democratic National Convention, he also prayed for the unborn in his closing benediction "that they may be welcomed and protected." *(source Long Island Catholic Newsletter)*



Bulletin Reflection: "For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." We are called to live for something far greater than goods and comfort. We are called to serve the Lord.

Living Stewardship ~ Pillar of Service: As Christians, we are called to be at the service of others. There are so many ways to care for your brothers and sisters. Ask yourself, what is one way you can serve others this week?

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

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Sister of St. Joseph Elaine Roulet, who helped incarcerated women and their children, dies at 89



Sister of St. Joseph Elaine Margaret Roulet, known for her ground-breaking work with women in the prison system, died on August 13, 2020 in the 71st year of her religious life. She was 89.

Born and raised in Queens, NY, Sister Elaine professed her first vows in 1949 and took her final vows in 1952 as a Sister of St. Joseph, Brentwood. She spent the 1950s and '60s as a teacher and principal in Brooklyn and Queens. After earning a master's degree in counseling from Bank Street College of Education in Manhattan, Sister Elaine started at Bedford Hills Correctional Center in Westchester in 1970 as a family liaison. There, she founded the Children's Center, which enabled new mothers to be with their babies during the first critical years of life.

She also started a home for children whose mothers were incarcerated and built a network of 10 Providence Houses, which provide housing and support to women who might otherwise be in prison or homeless. In 2005, she started Our Journey, a monthly retreat for formerly incarcerated women. She was inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame in 1993. In retirement, she had been living at the Stella Maris convent in Rockaway Park.

In a statement released August 24, Diocese of Rockville Centre Bishop John O. Barres called Sister Elaine "one example of too many to count of prophetic religious women whose deep intimacy with Jesus Christ propelled and built the mission of the Catholic Church on Long Island and the State of New York."

"Each day, Sister Elaine tirelessly, innovatively and courageously lived out the spiritual and corporal Works of Mercy as she ministered to mothers and their children at the Bedford Hills Correctional Facility, a maximum-security prison for women in Westchester County," Bishop Barres wrote.

"Sister Elaine saw that many women she ministered to in the prison had nowhere to go when released. She ministered to provide an environment centered around community, nonviolence, compassion and hospitality. May her soul rest in peace." *(source: Long Island Catholic Newsletter)*

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BUILDING CHARACTER

There are many ways we can exercise our body. We can ride a bike, play soccer or baseball, take walks, run a race, swing on monkey bars, or climb playground pyramids. What are the active things you like to do? The more we use our muscles, the stronger they become.

There are also things we can do to make our character strong. Our character is who we are – if we have a good, strong character others will see us as being honest, kind, dependable, generous, and brave. Can you think of other good character traits?

Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone desires to come after me, let him deny himself” (Matthew 16:24). This Bible verse means that at times we must make a choice to do something we would rather not do. Wouldn't you rather watch a favorite video than do the dishes? Wouldn't you rather go to the beach than pull weeds in the garden? Wouldn't you rather play with your friends than clean your room? Each time you make a choice to deny yourself and do something that helps others, you are building and strengthening your character. You are becoming a stronger Christian – more like Jesus.