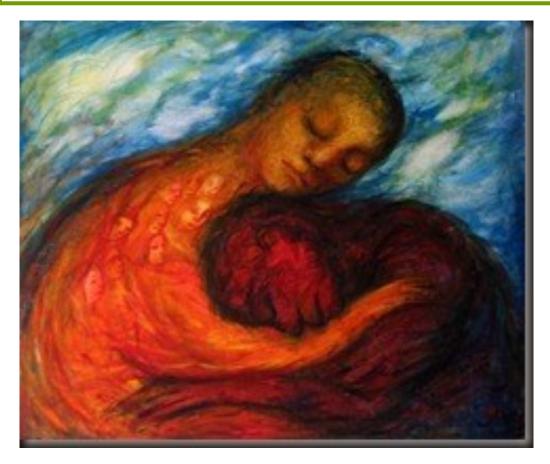
Parish of Saint Martin of Tours

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In the Gospel of Matthew 18:15-20, Jesus tells us to do all we can to promote forgiveness and reconciliation. It describes the attitude you must have and the lengths to which you must go to be reconciled with them. And even if they refuse, pray for them and long for reconciliation before it is too late.



Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time September 6, 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

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Rectory Office: Tel. 931-0818 • Fax 931-0559

Hours: Monday - Friday: 9AM-8PM

Exception Tuesday: 9AM-5PM - no evening hours Saturday: 9AM-6PM; Sunday: 8AM-12Noon

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: Go to smtbethpage.org. & under *Our Parish - Becoming a Parishioner*, click the registration form.

Change of address: Please notify the rectory.

Rest in the Peace of Christ

Kathleen Pentecost

Victims of COVID-19 throughout the world

Rosario Lacerenza

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Mon. September 7 - Labor Day

9AM William & Erma Eichenlaub & Amy E. Dane

Tues. September 8 - Nativity of the Blessed Mother

6:30AM Joseph & Rita Courtney

9AM Mary Burfiend

Wed. September 9 - St. Peter Claver, Priest

6:30AM Clinton, Kathleen & Michael Pigott

9AM Patricia Flanagan

Thurs. September 10

6:30AM

9AM Fortunata Mesina

Fri. September 11 - 19th Anniversary of 9/11/2001

6:30AM

9AM Frederick Maney

Sat. September 12 - The Most Holy Name of Mary

9AM Dec'd Mmbrs of the Miele & Serpaio Family

5PM Father Timothy Hirten

Sun. September 13 - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30AM Larry Mullaly, Birthday Remembrance

10AM Joseph Spoto

12PM Jeffrey Greco, Karen Kraft 5:30PM The People of the Parish

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. 1 Corinthians 5:1-8; Luke 6:6-11

Tues. Micah 5:1-4a or Romans 8:28-30

Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23

Wed. 1 Corinthians 7:25-31; Luke 6:20-26

Thurs. 1 Corinthians 8:1b-7, 11-13; Luke 6:27-38

Fri. 1 Corinthians 9:16-19; Luke 6:39-42

Sat. 1 Corinthians 10:14-22; Luke 6:43-49

Sun. Sirach 27:30-28:7 How we handle a wrongdoing against us, is how the Father will handle a sin done against Him.

Romans 14:7-9 None of us lives for ourselves. If we live for the Lord, we must die for the Lord.

Matthew 18:21-35 Jesus tells us to be merciful as the heavenly Father is merciful. We must forgive our brother and sister from the heart.

"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 Spanish: 844-468-2020.

This week, the pantry is low on peanut butter, jelly, mayonnaise, oil, cake, brownie mix, oatmeal, toilet paper and paper towels. 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 Sept 6-12, 2020
Bread & Wine is offered
In Loving Memory of
William & Erma Eichenlaub



Week of Sept 6-12, 2020 Sanctuary Candle is lit In Loving Memory of Amy Eichenlaub Dane



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 Baciuska, 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 Aguin, Nicholas Amato, Joseph McCroary, Richard Graziano Jean Mulligan, Taylor, Edward Boyce, Fran Gandalfo, 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



In most years, Labor Day weekend is considered the end of the "summer season." The new school year begins a day or two later, and parishes "re-open" after many ministries took some time off over the summer months. As we know by now, 2020 has not been an ordinary year by any stretch of the imagination. There is still uncertainty about schools reopening and what education will look like for the upcoming term. We are still in a time where some businesses and activities are open and others are not. In the midst of uncertainty, and maybe chaos, we *know* that Jesus Christ is *the* Way, *the* Truth, and *the* Life.

We celebrate this Labor Day at a time of labor uncertainty for many. A few short months ago our economy was doing very will in terms of low employment and job creation. The shutdown due to the Coronavirus has changed all of that. Perhaps this will make us focus a bit more on Labor Day? As Catholics, we believe that work is a part of human dignity. Work enables us to use the creative capacity and talents given to us by God for His glory and the building up of the world. Work should not just be about "paying the bills."

In our current environment we need to pray for and support those who are unemployed or underemployed. Doing so is not just about meeting immediate practical needs (which are important), but more importantly supporting the God-given dignity of each human man and woman. For those who find themselves in need, even temporarily, due to employment issues, please contact our Parish Outreach. You will be provided with help in a dignified and confidential manner. Thank you to all of those who participated in our School Supply Drive. If you would like to contribute, you can drop off supplies at the Parish Office. If your child is in need of supplies, contact Parish Outreach.

Towards the end of the month, the St. Vincent de Paul Society will once again sponsor the annual Walk for the Poor. This year is will be virtual, so all of us can participate at our own leisure. We will hear more about the Walk in the next few weeks. This year we will combine the Walk with the fourth installment of Bethpage's Operation Hope.

Beginning Tuesday, September 8, the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we will once again have our complete Mass schedule. There will be a 6:30am Mass Monday to Friday (except when noted), a 9am Mass Monday to Saturday, as well as the normal Sunday schedule. Confessions will be heard on Saturday from 2pm to 3pm, Sunday from 4:30pm to 5:15 pm, immediately following the 6:30am Mass Monday to Friday, and 8:30am to 8:50am Monday to Friday.

Speaking of schedules, it might be helpful to let everyone know how we do the schedule in the rectory. The three parish priests regularly rotate through the Sunday schedule. For most weekday Masses, the same priest will celebrate the same Mass, although this can change due to funerals and other factors. Each day there is one priest "on duty." This priest handles all emergency calls and requests that come in that day.

If you have a sacramental emergency, call the Rectory Office and your message will be directed to the priest on duty. If the office is closed, you will be prompted to call an emergency number that will be directed to the priest on duty. These calls will be handled quickly (unless the priest is in the middle of celebrating Mass, etc).

When leaving a voice message, please speak clearly, slowly, and repeat the contact phone number. One of the worst feelings a priest can have is receiving an emergency message that is garbled and not having any way of reaching the caller but waiting for a second call. Also, please know that messages left on office extensions will not be received right away so if it's an emergency, please use the emergency number!

We are currently in the process of developing our updated and new Faith Formation Program that will be centered on the Mass and the Family. When details have been finalized registration information will be available.

We are very happy to announce that this Tuesday our new parish website will be online and ready to go! We have all found over these six months that a well-developed digital presence is vital for all organizations. Thank you to our team who have worked so hard behind the scenes in the development of our new site!

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

FRIENDS OF THE POOR WALK Saturday, September 26, 2020 - Beginning at the 9 a.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.

This year, the *Friends of the Poor Walk* will be joined by *Operation Hope*. The food collection will take place either in front of or near the St. Mother Teresa Outreach. We are working on the final plans.

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.



St. Martin of Tours New Website Launch Date Tuesday, September 8, 2020

Six months ago, Father Chris met with the communications team - Ron Baumbach, Laura Letourneau, Lucy McNamara and Genny Mitchell to discuss updating our website. He introduced us to Solutio, a web builder for Catholic parishes in the

U.S. It has been a pleasure for our team to work with the Solutio team throughout this process. The screenshot above is a glimpse of our new home page which we hope users will find easy to navigate. We invite you to look around at all the drop down tabs to become familiar with the new site.

Many thanks and much appreciation go to Kevin Coveney from Connetrix who has maintained our website for many years, to Jill Vedric who served as webmaster, and to Christian Letourneau who has helped tremendously with updates while we worked on the new site.

We think it is so fitting for our launch date to fall on September 8th, the Nativity of the Blessed Mother. We ask Mary to intercede for us to Jesus her Son as we move forward to communicate the Gospel through media and the written word! - Genny Mitchell

OUR WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIFT

August 30, 2020: Received \$8,394.20 (mail-ins \$2,440.00; church \$5,954.20)

ON-LINE GIVING:

August Vanco: \$2,955.00 July Text 2 Give: \$1,305.00

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!*

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DAILY MASS: Monday to Friday 6:30am & 9am; Saturday 9am

WEEKEND MASS: Saturday: 5pm Sunday: 7:30am, 10am, 12pm, 5:30pm

<u>CONFESSIONS</u> will be heard on Saturday from 2pm to 3pm, Sunday from 4:30pm to 5:15 pm, immediately following the 6:30am Mass Monday to Friday, and 8:30am to 8:50am Monday to Friday. Please maintain a 6 foot distance from the confessional door and from each other while on line. Please continue to wear masks. 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.

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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."



Thank You from our Youth Ministry & Parish Outreach

Once again SMT has stepped up by donating school supplies for families impacted by the pandemic. Your generosity and kind-

ness is what keeps our parish community strong even through such difficult times. Thank you to all volunteers who came to help with the collection.

We turn to the Lord and pray for the safety of all teachers, administrators, school staff and students as they return to school this week.

Father Vin Schifano, Moderator Mary Vitti, Outreach Coordinator & Volunteers Merry McVey-Noble & Our Teens, SMT Youth Ministry



Life Teen Youth Ministry Kickoff Barbeque Sunday, September 13th

There's nothing like a good barbeque to end the summer and begin our fall program. After the 5:30 p.m. Mass on Sunday, September 13th, please feel free to join us in the school lot as we welcome back program. We will begin grilling hamburgers and bot dogs immediately after

our youth program. We will begin grilling hamburgers and hot dogs immediately after Mass. So that we observe all mandates, there will be long tables to make sure we stay within the distancing rule, and masks must be worn before and after eating.

Merry McVey-Noble, Ministry Coordinator & the Ministry Core Group

Charismatic Prayer Group

The band, *Chicago*, had a song in the 70's called "Color My World." I think of this song when I see a sunrise or sunset, or a picture of the northern lights. God's beautiful creations color my world. Listen to the words. There are only 40, only three sentences in the whole song! The last line, "Color my world with hope of loving you" was probably meant for two people in love, but I think it's a prayer to our Creator. All are welcome. All you need is a desire to praise God!!



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

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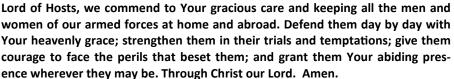
hasten to help us!

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







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

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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

When the Vicar of Christ visited the United States he made a special visit to "Ground Zero", a truly American site of prayer and reflection and he prayed. The words of that beautiful prayer are as stirring today as they were on April 20, 2008. In memory of all those who died, those who still suffer, those who still grieve their loss and for a Nation which today reflects on the event and what it means for the future, Catholic Online offers the Pope's Prayer:

O God of love, compassion, and healing, look on us, people of many different faiths and traditions, who gather today at this site, the scene of incredible violence and pain. We ask you in your goodness to give eternal light and peace to all who died here—

The heroic first-responders our fire fighters, police officers, emergency service workers, and Port Authority personnel, along with all the innocent men and women who were victims of this tragedy simply because their work or service brought them here on September 11, 2001.



We ask you, in your compassion to bring healing to those who, because of their presence here that day, suffer from injuries and illness. Heal, too, the pain of still-grieving families and all who lost loved ones in this tragedy. Give them strength to continue their lives with courage and hope. We are mindful as well of those who suffered death, injury, and loss on the same day at the Pentagon and in Shanksville, Pennsylvania. Our hearts are one with theirs as our prayer embraces their pain and suffering.

God of peace, bring your peace to our violent world: peace in the hearts of all men and women and peace among the nations of the earth. Turn to your way of love those whose hearts and minds are consumed with hatred. God of understanding, overwhelmed by the magnitude of this tragedy, we seek your light and guidance as we confront such terrible events.

Grant that those whose lives were spared may live so that the lives lost here may not have been lost in vain. Comfort and console us, strengthen us in hope, and give us the wisdom and courage to work tirelessly for a world where true peace and love reign among nations and in the hearts of all.

Pope Benedict XI--Prayer at Ground Zero New York, 20 April 2008





FORMED FOR ADULTS Now! Pope John Paul II's Letter on the Rosary

Dr. Tim Gray & Lucas Pollice discuss Pope John Paul II's Apostolic Letter, Rosarium Virginis Mariae. You can find the entire apostolic letter here: http://www.vatican.va/content/john-paul-ii/en/apost_letters/2002/documents/hf_jp-ii_apl_20021016_rosarium-virginis-mariae.html For more on Praying the Rosary: The Million Rosary March https://millionrosarymarch.com/ It is a wonderful mission and opportunity for all of us to pray the rosary daily Beginning August 15th, for the next 100 days, to fight all the evil in our world and make reparation and intercession for our country. You might al-

so be interested in the CEMA: Coalition of Eucharistic and Marian Apostolates. They are sponsoring a Triumph Tour to pray the Rosary September 29-October 20.

https://coalitionofapostolates.com/triumph-tour For more on the Rosary, listen to "Praying the Rosary Like Never Before" by Dr. Edward Sri.

https://watch.formed.org/videos/praying-the-rosary-like-never-before-by-dr-edward-sri

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- 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.

The Rectory Office is closed on Monday, September 7th in observance of Labor Day, and will open at 9 a.m. on Tuesday.

Please observe social distancing so that this holiday is one that assures the health and safety of all. May God bless you and your loved ones.

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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



e 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 <u>must</u> 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)

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE LAST WEEK OF AUGUST WINNERS: Suzanne Robertson \$1,000; Vincent Mangiamele \$1,000; Maureen Gallagher \$500

Winners from August 31 - September 4, 2020

8/31/2020	#421	Joan Redka	\$25
9/1/2020	#213	Mildred Saloy	\$25
9/2/2020	#279	Donna Conn	\$25
9/3/2020	#513	John Reilly	\$25
9/4/2020	#625	Genevieve Mitchell	\$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	Please circle payment method. I am enclosing:
Phone	\$60 paid in full or
Email	\$30 second payment due 2/1/21



OFFICE OF HUMAN LIFE, FAMILY AND BIOETHECS/DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTER: ROSARY COAST TO COAST 2020: It is not too late to start this Novena that began on August 15th, the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and will end on October 7th, the Feast of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary. In the United States, we continue to live in peace-less times with laws and court rulings in conflict with God's laws, especially the disregard for the rights of the unborn, elderly and weak in our society and the attacks on marriage and family values. For more information: www.rosarycoasttocoast.com.

TWO DAY BIOTHECS SEMINARY: DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE: Friday, September 11, 2020 at 8:00am. Saturday, September 12, 2020 at 5:00 pm. Place: Diocese of Rockville Centre: St. Agnes Parish Center, 26 Quealy Place, Rockville Centre, NY 11570.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE FALL CAMPAIGN: September 23 to November 1, 2020: Date: September 19th: OPENING MASS 7 ROSARY PROCESSION, HEMPSTEAD. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be con-celebated by Fr. Liam McDonald and Fr. Fidelis Moscinski, CFR. Afterwards there will be a short procession to the Hempstead Planned Parenthood to Witness for Life and pray the Rosary (please observe all social distancing regulations) at St. Ladislaus Catholic Church, 18 Richardson Place, Hempstead, NY 11801: TIME: 9:00 AM. www.40daysforlife.com.

POST-ABORTION MINISTRY: Project Rachel Hope After Abortion: Next Opportunity for Prayer and Healing. Day of Prayer and Healing for Women: Saturday, November 7, 2020. Confidential phone line: 1-516-766-2538 or 1-888 456-HOPE (4673). projectrachel@drvc.org to begin healing after abortion loss. LIKE US ON FACEBOOK AND FOLLOW US ON TWITTER!

CATHOLIC NEWS AGENCY: Aug. 20,2020: The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops praised the Trump administration's efforts to tie U.S. aid to pro-life policy on Thursday, following the release of a report indicating widespread compliance with he Protecting Life in Global Health Assistance policy which is an expanded version of the Mexico City Policy, forbidding the use of U.S. federal funding for foreign non-governmental organizations that promote abortions through counseling, referrals, or who work to expand abortion access and legality. "The Trump Administration deserves our praise for ensuring that U.S. global health assistance funding actually promotes health and human rights, and doesn't undermine them by promoting abortion," said Archbishop Joseph Naumann, chairman of the USCCB's pro-life committee. He added, "Killing innocent and defenseless unborn children through abortion is not health care. Abortion violates an unborn child's most basic human right, the right to life, and it also can wound the mother emotionally and physically. Americans recognize this injustice and an overwhelming majority them oppose giving tax dollars to organizations that are more committed to promoting abortion than providing health services."

OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH: More information will be in next week's bulletin announcing events at SMT.

FOR HELP IN A CRISIS PREGNANCY

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ROSELINE LIFE CENTER 24 HOURS 631-243-2373
PROJECT RACHEL WWW.HOPEAFTERABORTION.COM
Baby Safe Haven, Safe Babies, Safe Place 1 (877) 796-HOPE
Adoption, Foster Care

Maternity Services Catholic Home Bureau 1 (800) 592-4357
NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE 1-800-4-Child or 1 800-422-4453



MOMMAS House continues to operate during the COVID-19 Pandemic as an essential service providing housing and support services to the moms and babies in our care. We need help with supplies: reusable face masks, disposable gloves, disinfectant cleaners/Lysol spray, toilet paper, paper towels, hand soap, hand sanitizer. We cannot accept donations of any used items at this time.

Please call us at 516-781-8637 or email info@mommashouse.org if you can help. We have to purchase additional supplies and have additional staffing costs associated with this emergency and we anticipate a decrease in our normal fundraising as we cannot hold in person events for the time being. Any financial assistance to help us get through this crisis would be greatly appreciated. Donations can be made through PayPal or by mail: MOMMAS House 1857 Wantagh Avenue, Wantagh, NY 11793.

Bulletin Reflection: St. Paul tells us in his letter to the Romans that to love our neighbor is to obey God. When we love our neighbor, we recognize the dignity in that person and realize that they are also created and loved by God.

Living Stewardship ~ Pillar of Hospitality: In today's readings, we are called to love and forgive our brothers and sisters. Perhaps this week you could reach out to a lonely family member or friend and just chat with them. If you are holding a grudge against someone, let this be the week you let it go.