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*graduates*  
**CLASS OF 2019**



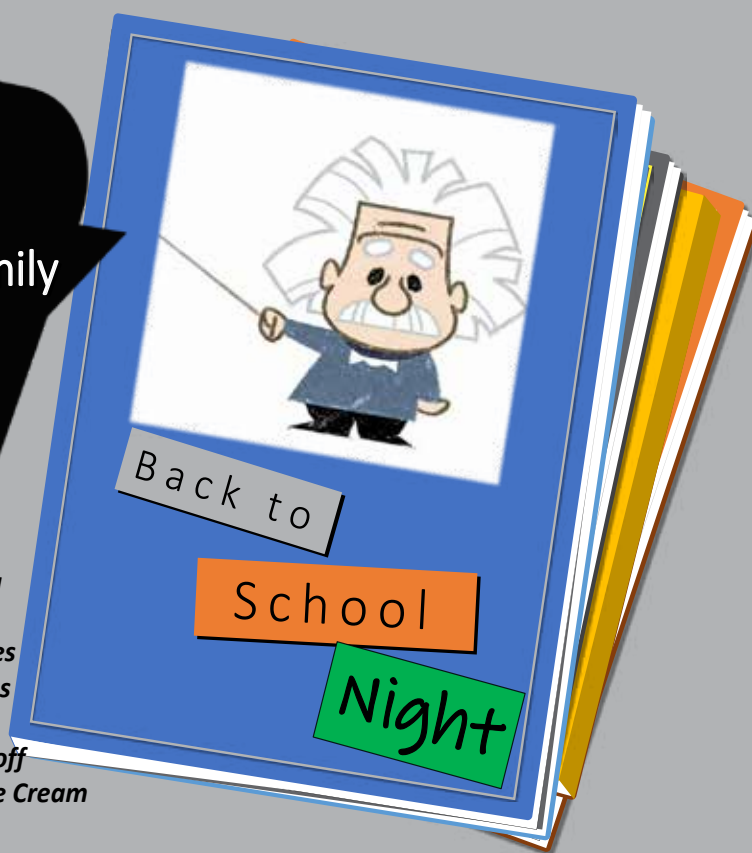
*SMOT Alumni Association welcomes its newest members: Our Class of 2019!*

**Sneak Peek at Martinfest 2019...See Page 5**

You are invited  
to join the  
**St. Martin of Tours School Family**  
Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup>  
from 6:00-8:00 p.m.



- ✓ Informative Meeting
- ✓ Meet the Staff
- ✓ Fun Activities & Prizes
- ✓ Meet Campus Groups
- ✓ Uniform Exchange
- ✓ School Supply Drop-off
- ✓ Hot Dogs, Snacks, Ice Cream
- ✓ ... & more!



### Shining Young Leaders

**By Laurie Huff, Director of Religious Education**

This spring, the Cheviot Westwood Community Association held its annual Outstanding Young Citizens dinner honoring middle school youth for their shining leadership qualities. St. Martin's proudly celebrates our Eighth Grade students who received this prestigious award, including Morgan Fightmaster, Dagma Tekia and Kayla Metz (Parish School of Religion). Well done!



*Kayla*



*Morgan & Dagma*

## Summer Parish School of Religion

### Rejoice and Be Glad

By Laurie Huff, Director of Religious Education

This summer, the Parish School of Religion (PSR) Program, *Rejoice and Be Glad* was privileged to welcome both new and familiar faces. Along with religious instruction in our Catholic faith and the sacraments, prayer experiences, exploration of the word of God found in the sacred Scriptures, Liturgical Music Appreciation, Art Enrichment, service and the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, our time together shined forth a deep reflection of our call to everyday holiness in all that we say and do. The Parish School of Religion closing Mass on June 14, led by our youth under the direction of Ms. Angela Birkhead-Flight also beautifully reminded us of the promise of the Spirit that contains many gifts! Believe, take a chance and shine!



# SVdP Bundle Sunday



## Quiet Gifts of the Laity

In the later part of June, the St. Martin of Tours community was blessed with the presence of Maryknoll Lay Missioner, Kip Hargrave. During his time with us, he generously shared his sacred work in Bolivia that took place in the 1980s with the poor and vulnerable while raising a young family alongside his wife, Terri who served as a physician. Upon their return to the United States, Kip was proud to teach Spanish in Syracuse, New York. Following, he served as the Coordinator of Refugee Services for Catholic Charities. The primary mission of the Maryknoll Lay Missioners is founded in the deep love and commitment to Oscar Romero's efforts found in the Gospel to live and work with the suffering in an effort to create a compassionate and just world. Thank you, Kip, for sharing your gifts!





## COME CELEBRATE THE TRADITIONS OF OUR HERITAGE!

OUR 3RD ANNUAL **MARTINFEST** WILL TAKE PLACE ON  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2019, IN OUR PARISH CENTER.

OUR PARISH GATHERING DINNER BEGINS AT 6:00 P.M. FOLLOWING OUR ALUMNI MASS AND WILL INCLUDE A DELICIOUS STATION DINNER BUFFET BY HAMMANN'S CATERING; A MEAT CARVING STATION, A MAKE-YOUR-OWN PASTA BAR, AN AMAZING MASHED POTATO BAR AND A TOP-YOUR-SALAD BAR WITH FRESH BREAD AND A SPECIAL DESSERT ARE ON THE MENU. DINNER TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE BY PRE-SALE PURCHASE ONLY AT \$20.00 PER PERSON AND INCLUDES A NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE TICKET.

FOLLOWING DINNER, OUR PARISH CENTER DOORS WILL OPEN AT **7:11** P.M. FOR A FUN-FILLED EVENING. WEST SIDE BREWERY WILL BE BACK WITH THEIR DELICIOUS BREWS. AND, **NEW THIS YEAR** — AN ASSORTMENT OF DOMESTIC BEERS AND WINES WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE.

RIPPLE EFFECT WILL RETURN FOR GREAT MUSIC THROUGHOUT THE EVENING.

ALSO, **NEW THIS YEAR** — WE WILL HAVE TRIVIA ROUNDS EVERY HOUR. GET YOUR TEAMS TOGETHER AND COMPETE FOR SOME GREAT PRIZES!

DON'T FORGET ABOUT OUR BASKET BONANZA AND SILENT AUCTION ITEMS! LOOK FOR SNEAK PEEKS OF SOME OF THESE FABULOUS ITEMS YOU COULD TAKE HOME.

OUR "**LUCKY 11s**" MAJOR AWARD DRAWINGS WILL BE HELD THROUGHOUT THE EVENING WITH THE FINAL DRAWING AT **11:11** P.M.

OUR POPULAR "SUDS OR SUDS" DOOR PRIZE WILL ALSO BE GIVEN AWAY AT THE END OF THE NIGHT. YOUR DOOR PRIZE TICKET COULD WIN YOU A YEAR'S SUPPLY OF LAUNDRY DETERGENT OR A YEAR'S SUPPLY OF BEER!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW...YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THIS EVENT!



## Pastoral Council

Present at the May 23, 2019, meeting were: Lou Winston, Eileen Duffy, Mary Jo Betz, Laurie Huff, Father Terry Hamilton. Absent: Margie Hammitt, Cathy May, Gina Rider, Kris Schwarte, Angie Bley and Jason Fightmaster.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** – It was announced that Debbie Weitz has resigned from Council as President. The Vice-President, Eileen Duffy, will now become President. A search will begin for a new Vice-President, who will be elected in August.

## TASK FORCE REPORTS

**Parish Life:** On April 8, Archbishop Schnurr conferred the Sacrament of Confirmation to our 7th and 8th graders. On April 20, our Easter Vigil Mass began with the beautiful candle lighting ceremony. After the Mass and service, at which two catechumens were received into the Catholic Church, a reception of celebration was held for the new Catholics, their families and guests, along with members of the parish. On Easter Sunday, April 21, the annual Easter Egg Hunt for children was held following 11:30 a.m. Mass. Jesus Day occurred on May 4, this year. For our second graders, this is the practice day for their big First Communion Day which follows on Sunday. Our annual Parish Picnic was held on May 10, this year at Stricker's Grove. On May 20, our Eighth Grade finished their formal education at St. Martin's School and attended their final Mass as a class. The final event for this fiscal year will be the reception at the end of the two-week PSR classes on June 14.

**Spiritual Life:** Bible Study – We completed our study of St. Paul's letters to the Corinthians. Our next Bible Study is scheduled to start on Monday, September 9. This time, we will look at the Old Testament Book of the Prophet Jeremiah. Adult Faith Formation – The Adult Faith Ministry has not met for a while, but we still hope to pursue an Autumn activity around the time of our Feast Day. Book Club – We just completed our discussion of the book, The Other Wes Moore by Wes Moore. Our next Book Club selection will be When Breath Becomes Air by Paul Kalanithi. This is a posthumously published account of the author's last year of neurosurgical residency at Stanford University, as he experiences negative changes in his health.

**Finance:** No report. The 2019-2020 Budget, that was approved by the Finance Committee, was reviewed by the Pastoral Council Committee Members. The school enrollment is monitored closely because a certain number (roughly between 270 and 273 students) is needed to make the budget work. The enrollment always fluctuates by a few plus or minus students.

**Athletics:** No report

**Youth:** No report

**Outreach:** No report

**Property and Grounds:** The Red School building is getting needed paint and repairs. Imbus is repairing and sealing the overhangs in the yellow building. The boiler is almost done in the yellow school building. The boiler in the red school building needs replacement. It may be relocated from the basement to the first level in what was previously the outdoor boys' restroom. The yearly cleaning of the school complex will begin in early June. There has been decluttering and spring cleaning already started in the red school building. Cheviot has provided garbage trucks to remove the trash. This year's Harvest Home parade theme is 150 years of Baseball. St. Martin's will once again participate in the parade.

**Education Commission:** No report

### Principal:

Current enrollment outlook for 2019-2020

Kindergarten – 19	Fourth Grade – 33	Eighth Grade – 33
First Grade – 41	Fifth Grade – 42	
Second Grade – 22	Sixth Grade – 32	Total = 273
Third Grade – 29	Seventh Grade – 22	

Teachers – Classroom breakdown as of May 23, 2019

Kindergarten – 1	Fifth Grade – 2
First Grade – 2	Sixth Grade – 1
Second Grade – 1	Seventh Grade – 1
Third Grade – 2	Eighth Grade – 2
Fourth Grade – 2	

We have three teachers leaving – Mr. Martin (gym) is retiring. Ms. Pille (Grade 1) and Mrs. Staarmann (Grade 8) are going to different schools. I am still looking for a replacement for Mr. Martin, but I have hired a Middle school licensed Math Teacher to replace Mrs. Staarmann. We will not hire a teacher to take Ms. Pille's place – as of now, with only one Kindergarten Class, I plan to move Mrs. McDaniel to First Grade. There will be some other shuffling around with bigger classes in the Intermediate and Middle grades.

Thank you all for your prayers and support over this past school year. We have had some tough times, especially the last few weeks, and I know that you all have been praying for us. This summer break is well deserved for our entire school community.

Summer Office Hours: May 28-August 9: Monday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon; and August 12-15: 7:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. School begins on Monday, August 19!

**DRE:** First Eucharist/Jesus Day Retreat with Tom Sparough was a special day reserved for our youth and their parents who were celebrating First Communion. Celebration of First Eucharist was May 5, and twenty-one candidates received Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time. May Crowning – On May 14, this sacred evening in honor of our Mother, Mary, was surrounded by a strong sense of reverence and prayer. Summer Parish School of Religion Program – “Rejoice and Be Glad” is for two consecutive weeks, June 3-June 14. This special ministry is designed to provide faith formation for our Catholic youth who attend public schools, grades one through eight. During our time together, students will participate in the rich treasure of religious instruction, prayer experiences, exploration of the Word of God found in sacred scripture, Liturgical Music Appreciation and Catechetical Art Enrichment. Martinfest Preparations for the Third Annual Martinfest celebration scheduled for Saturday, November 9 is underway. The Major Award Raffle thus far has also had a fruitful response. Seven hundred tickets have been sold. Every Sunday before the 11th of the month, raffle tickets will be sold after all the Masses.

**Pastor's Report:** No report other than there have been 16 Baptisms this year so far and 3 Baptisms of school children during the year. There is a sense of welcoming at SMOT and because of the sense of welcoming a lot of former parishioners return to SMOT for Baptisms, weddings and funerals.

**New Business:** As previously discussed, a search will begin for a new Vice-President of Pastoral Council. Mary Jo Betz will move from Property and Grounds to Outreach. Property and Grounds will become an at-large position on Council.

**Our next Pastoral Council meeting is scheduled for August 22, 2019, at 6:15 p.m., in the Red School.**

## Why Do Catholics Do That?

By Angela Birkhead-Flight, Music & Liturgy Director

### What is YOUR Vocation?

After the restful break of summer, fall arrives with the bustle of programs starting up and a full calendar staring us full in the face. There is always so much work to be done in the Church, because there's always a way to make anything better. But we need more help in order to do so.

The role of the laity is critical to the mission of the Church. Many times, when we talk about "the laity," we define it as what we are not: we are not the "religious," sisters, deacons, or priests. But the Church defines the word according to what we are: sharers in Christ's office of priest, prophet, and king. Our vocation as lay people comes from our Baptism and is strengthened by Confirmation.

I'm sure that not a single person reading this doubts the importance of the laity, or his or her own responsibility to be the hands and feet of Christ in the world. The difficulty comes when one is trying to discern their own calling. One suggestion would be to first listen to the Word of God. You can do this while at Mass or break open the Bible at home. Pray afterwards and see if God is leading you to a particular vocation within the Church. Make a list of your own skills, and a list of possibilities and narrow it down. Discuss it with family members and friends. Make sure the vocation to which you feel called is not contradicted by the teachings of the Church. And then take the plunge!

### Here are a few vocations within our own parish that need workers:

**Lectors** – Lectors need to have an appreciation of the scriptures, and the maturity and ability to proclaim the readings with confidence. Good public speaking skills are needed, as well as the ability to gain and keep the assembly's attention. Anyone who has been Confirmed in the church is able to Lector at Mass.

**Musicians** – Choir members need to be able to match pitch and follow direction in order to learn to blend with the other singers and need to be available for rehearsals and Masses. We are in great need of new volunteers in our music programs.

**Greeters** – The most important qualities of a greeter are kindness and friendliness. The ability to make a good first impression is also helpful to make visitors feel welcomed into our sanctuary.

**Ushers** – The role of Usher requires diplomacy. Their vocation is to help direct others in order to keep a feeling of reverence, worship, and welcome in the church before and during Mass. They also take up the collection.

**Gift Bearer** – The role of Gift Bearer requires no pre-planning and no special skills. One simply removes the flower from the gift table before Mass to let others know you have taken on the task, and then you bring the gifts up when Fr. Terry comes down the steps to receive them. It is a beautiful gesture that emphasizes that the gifts are from our hands and offered to God.

**Servers** – Servers need to be able to learn the parts of the Mass and the actions needed. This has been made much easier by the development of a training manual and a YouTube video. The ability to control one's movements so as to not be distracting is helpful. We have both adults and children in this ministry.

**If you feel called to one of these vocations as a liturgical worker, please call the Parish Office at 661-2000.**

*We would love to talk to you about  
how you can become a part of our team!*



For the Parish Staff as they rest and prepare for the startup of parish programs in the fall, that they return refreshed and invigorated by the Holy Spirit.

For Fr. Terry and all parish priests both living and deceased as we celebrate the feast day of St. John Vianney on August 4.

For all those who have received prayer blankets, that they may be healed in mind, body, and spirit.

As we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of Mary on August 15th, let us pray for the intercession of St. Mary that our parish will flourish and stay focused on Christ.

For our school children, starting a new school year, that they will be open to learning and will bring the light of Christ into their classrooms.

For an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

For an increased respect for life in our society, from conception to a natural death, including caring for the poor, sick, and marginalized; for an end to abortion.

For those being called to become Catholic this year, that they will hear the call of the Holy Spirit and will find a home in our R.C.I.A. Program.

That our civic leaders will work for issues of social justice, creating a society of freedom and fairness for all.

That the many children being held in detention centers around the country be returned to their families and not harmed.

For those suffering from cancer and other serious diseases, that they may be cured.

For those suffering in the summer heat, those affected by storms, fire, flooding, and earthquakes, and for those who respond to their needs.

For our St. Vincent de Paul Society as they work to provide for the back-to-school needs of our families.

For the intentions in our Memorial Mass Fund book, and all the special intentions of our parishioners.

## Memorial Mass Fund

### May

#### For the Memory/

#### Intention of:

Mary Alley  
Tom Gillespie

Doug Lauck

Leslie Weigel

Ann Lampe  
Debbie Carmosino  
Bob Fischesser  
Virginia Young  
Ed Edwards  
Olas Miller

#### From:

Bob Hildebrand  
Tom & Donna Vale  
and Family  
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and Family  
Tom & Donna Vale  
and Family  
Peg Ellis and Family  
Angelo Mancini  
Nancy Meyer  
Terri & Dave Huwel  
Dick & Joan Vale  
Marge Schamer

### June

Gene & Dolly Renner  
Gary Cripe  
Peggy L. Blanton  
Helen Braun  
Mary Ann Dehmer  
Doris Iona Napier

Marlene Wooley  
E. J. Krabacher  
E. J. Krabacher  
Gerri Arnold  
Olas Miller  
Olas Miller  
Helen Braun  
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Olas Miller  
E. J. Krabacher  
Geri Arnold  
Helen Braun  
Helen Braun  
Beverly Bratfish  
Mary Lou Eschman  
Geri Arnold  
Tom Anderson  
Elaine Isphording  
Jean McQuillan  
Z & H Families Living & Deceased  
Sr. Donna & Ginny and Families  
Sr. Lucy & Family and Community  
Marilyn, Alice, Connie, Sylvia  
Sr. M., Fr. B. and Families  
Tom Anderson

Renner Family  
Renner Family  
Jim Sunderhaus Family  
Jim Sunderhaus Family  
Jodie Graser  
Carl, Sandy,  
& Andrew Yauch  
Frank & Sue Weyer  
Lou & Dolly Flamm  
Mary Davis  
Mary Davis  
Mary Davis  
Wilma Smith  
Wilma Smith  
Leland Smith, Jr.  
Angelo Mancini  
Angelo Mancini  
Rita Goertemoeller  
Carol Frey  
Lou & Dolly Flamm  
Joyce & Jan Matz  
Bill Stuckenberg  
M. A. Comer  
Bob Hildebrand  
Bob Hildebrand  
Dick & Joan Vale  
Natalie Moore

## Deaths

### May

Mary Alley  
Ja'Shiya Lucas  
Olas Miller  
Myrtis Jean Barnhart  
Thomas Derrenkamp  
Beverly Bratfish

### June

E. J. Krabacher  
Helen Braun  
Kathleen Allen  
Trenton Piper  
Geraldine Arnold  
Thomas Anderson



## New Parishioners

### May

Jennifer Bessler  
Joe & Jayna Leland  
Lewis & Elizabeth Riley  
Robert & Samantha Bonham  
Chris & Miranda Fugate

### June

Nina Squeri  
Mario Seta  
Diane Arszman

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