Farmingville, NY - On August 15, Councilwoman Valerie M. Cartright addressed family, friends, other Scouts, elected officials, and Michael T. May of Boy Scout Troop 70, at his Eagle Scout Court of Honor ceremony at Saint James R.C. Church.

Michael has been a Boy Scout since bridging from Cub Scouts in the 5th grade. He worked diligently with Father Robert Smith of Saint James Church to design a prayer garden. With the help of volunteers, donations, and funds raised, and after more than 150 hours of labor, the garden was completed. The finished garden is landscaped with shrubbery and flowers and is surrounded by a four foot tall decorative fence. Those who visit the garden can walk along the new brick pathway or sit quietly on one of the two stone benches installed as part of Michael's project. One can also appreciate the sculpture of the Sacred Heart of Jesus while enjoying the atmosphere of the prayer garden.

"Eagle Scout is the highest rank within the Boy Scouts of America and achieving this goal is an honor," stated Councilwoman Cartright. "It was a privilege to meet Michael and have the opportunity to see his beautiful project. I appreciate what he, with the help of dedicated volunteers, has created for our community."