

SAINT MARTHA PARISH

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September 5, 2021

The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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The parish of Saint Martha aspires to be an inviting community, welcoming people from all walks of life. Holding to the call of Jesus to repentance and to believe in the Gospel, our community seeks to offer everyone that comes through our opened doors the tools and support needed to achieve this call to holiness, by sound Catholic teaching, beautiful liturgies, cross generational faith formation and serving those in need. Our ultimate goal is to become vivid images of Jesus Christ in the world, so that we share in the salvation of the world.

Confession:

Saturday – 2:30 PM

Baptisms:

Saturdays at 12:00 PM by appointment only –
Please contact the rectory at least one month in advance.

Marriages:

Contact the rectory at least six months in advance.

Weekday – 8:30AM (Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs.)

Saturday 9:00AM English (1st Saturday TLM only)

Religious Education Program:

Sunday mornings during school year – Grades 1 – 8
Brian LeMay, D.R.E. – (860) 749-8457

Confirmation Program:

Lori Kedzior – (860) 745-5616



**23rd SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"—that is, "Be opened!" - Mk 7:33b-34

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Mass Intentions

September 4th / September 5th

SAT/SUN 4:00 PM r/s Melanie Madore Birthday Remembrance r/b, The Paradis Family

Spanish 5:30 PM Parish Intention

9:00 AM For the end of human trafficking, r/b James & Susan Lincoln

TLM 11:00 AM r/s Douglas Horak 9th Anniversary, r/b Ellen Brassil

MONDAY: 8:30 AM Special Intentions

TUESDAY: 8:30 AM r/s Joanne Bloomfield 7th anniversary, r/b Mom & Bill

WED.: 8:30 AM Special Intentions

TLM : 7:00 PM r/s Gloria Sarrow, r/b Ellen Brassil

THURSDAY: 8:30 AM Special Intentions

SATURDAY: 9:00 AM r/s Ralph Griffin, r/b the Griffin Family

MASSES SCHEDULED FOR: Sept. 11th/ Sept. 12th

4:00 PM r/s Robert LeMay

5:30 PM Parish Intention

9:00AM r/s Antonia & Gaspare Rosato

11:00 AM r/s Daniel & Roberta Haywood

Thank you

The Collection from August 29th was \$ 5985.00
 Today's second collection is for Haiti Earthquake Emergency Relief

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the time we are born into this world until we die, our human radar picks up signals about how to respond to life. What we picked up on when we were very young carries an even greater power. The messages we receive and process tell us what we are "supposed" to do with our feelings, how to understand and cope with disappointment, anxiety, failure, death, illness, and what to expect out of life. As life unfolds for us, these radar messages kick in and resonate in us at very deep levels. Sometimes what we have learned is helpful and sometimes it is not. The stories we have been told, especially when we are young, about how life is best lived and how to negotiate its pain carry a heavy weight.

Life can be challenging and frightening. Sometimes, it really hurts to be a human being. It also can be quite unpredictable and, at times, unfair. We face our vulnerability and brokenness of all kinds: physical, emotional, and spiritual. It doesn't take much for life to quickly fall apart. What we knew to be familiar and true is gone and something we relied upon, physically, emotionally, or spiritually, can be taken away. It is hard to confront our limitations and sit with our incompleteness. Often, life hurts us so much that we find ourselves sitting in a pool of sadness, not sure what we are supposed to do. It is particularly hard when the signals we have inherited tell us that we need to be successful in what we do, and we have to avoid life's unfairness. We can feel like a failure, wondering what precisely we did to deserve this fate, or ruminate about what we did not do correctly. But it's really not about us. We are part of a bigger picture and a much more fascinating story!

If we cease doing battle with life's incompleteness and see ourselves, as God does, on a journey toward wholeness and completeness we can better accept our disappointments and stand firm. The prophets told us, and Jesus reassured us: Be strong! Fear not! Sometimes we have to update our stories and replace them with newer, more accurate ones. When we make God's story our own and tune our radar into His voice, what we hear is all about restoration, healing, and rejuvenation! This is true even when we think we have hit rock bottom and can go no further. There is always hope. Remember the words of Julian of Norwich: God made us, God loves us, and God keeps us. Now, listen to God when He says, "be opened!" Be healed and allow your stories to change.

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SANCTUARY LAMP
 Rev. John B. O'Connell
 Birthday Remembrance
 r/b Ursula Santo

CHAPEL LAMP
 r/s Alphonso Santos
 r/b the Family



"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these."
 Matthew 19:14

For the Repose of the Soul of:

John Paul Eckel



Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let your perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.
 Amen.


Confirmation NEWS

We are now accepting Confirmation Registration for 2021 - 2022 session. Classes will start in October. Please contact Lori Kedzior our Confirmation Director for more information @ 860-745-5616 or businessoffice@stmartha.necoxmail.com
The registration form can be found on website www.saintmarthaparish.org or at our Parish Office.

****We also need people to teach one or two classes during the year. If you would like more information please call Lori Kedzior @ 860-745-5616. Your help will be very appreciated.****

Lector Needed

We are looking for an additional lector for the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday's, scheduling would be every third Sunday. A lector workbook is provided in helping of pronunciation and a brief explanation of the Scripture to help proclaim the Word of God. This is a very important ministry of the Church, please give it serious consideration. If you are interested proclaiming the Word of God or have any questions, please contact me as soon as possible. I can be reached at 860-749-8457 or email brian759@sbcglobal.net.

God bless,
Brian LeMay

Archdiocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

On **Sunday, October 10, 2021, at 2:00 PM**, the annual Archdiocesan Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph in Hartford for married couples who have observed or will be observing 25th, 50th, 60th, and other special wedding anniversaries in 2020 or 2021. While typically only those celebrating special anniversaries in a given year are invited to this celebration, couples who had special anniversaries in 2020 are also invited this year in the hopes of recognizing those who could not be celebrated last year when the pandemic led to the cancellation of this annual Mass.

The liturgy will include a renewal of Marriage vows followed by an opportunity for couples to have a photograph taken with Archbishop Blair. Registration, both for couples who would like to participate in the event will be done online at bit.ly/aohmarriageanniversary. This year, couples are asked to register themselves for the event. If you assistance registering for this event please contact the Parish office @ 860-745-5616.



St. Martha Parish
Faith Formation Program News

Faith Formation Classes are held on Sunday mornings from 10:00 – 11:00 for grades kindergarten thru eighth grade. The cost per student will be \$25.00, a family of three or more \$60.00. Classes are held here at St. Martha Parish using the classrooms which have been thoroughly cleaned and will have weekly cleaning. The first day of Faith Formation will be Sunday, September 19th. I am looking for volunteer Catechists for the new school year, so if you are interested and have the desire to help our children, please contact me as soon as possible so you can review the material before the first day of class; training will be provided. With the electronic world we live in now, communication could not be easier. St. Martha Church has a Facebook account which is St. Martha Parish, to view the bulletin use the link Parishes online and enter St. Martha Church. I will use both mediums to communicate concerning the Faith Formation program. I can also be reached several

ways; briandre@sbcglobal.net BrianFaithFormation@gmail.com the Faith Formation office 860-745-5616 when prompted press 7 and leave a message, or home 860-749-8457. I look forward to reuniting with the returning students and meeting our new students. Registration forms can be found on our website www.saintmarthaparish.org or at the Parish Office.

God bless,
Brian LeMay, Director of Religious Education



The Prayer Shawl Ministry will begin again starting on Monday, September 20th at 6:30 p.m. We make prayer shawls for special occasions, illnesses, and for anyone in need of prayers. We meet in Goulet Hall on the third (3rd) Monday of every month from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Anyone interested in learning to knit or crochet please come to that meeting and we will teach you.


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Office hours: Monday – Friday: 9:30 AM – 12 N
1:30 PM – 4:30 PM

Devotions:

Rosary –8:00AM before the daily Mass: Mon., Tues.,
Wed., Thurs, Sat. (not First Saturday)

Tuesday Devotion to St. Joseph, after 8:30 AM Mass

**Sacred Heart Eucharistic Adoration Chapel— Monday
& Wednesday 9:00 AM —10:00 PM**

For Questions please call: Flo Radziewicz **(860)-216-7471**

Communion to Homebound: Call the Rectory

Parish Home Visitation – Legion of Mary:
Meets every Monday at 2:30 PM

Prayer Line: 860-745-5616 The Rectory Office

Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Charismatic Prayer Group
Will resume On September 7, 2021

Tuesday: 7:00 - 9:00 PM - Peg Connor **(860)745-9861**

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Every 3rd Monday of the Month
at 6:30 PM Contact: Betty Joaquim – **(860)745-2667**

Bereavement Group: Susann Douglas - **(413)-454-8702**



K of C Rev. John B. O'Connell Council 14600
Grand Knight—Raymond Bishop - 860-763-3076
Financial Secretary Joseph Pandolfi - 860-763-2449
E-mail - kofc14600@att.net

The K of C meet the 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00 PM



Lay Carmelite Community of Little Therese - #702
Director: Annedda Stiller - 860-416-9600
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Live Stream Sunday Mass Schedule

Vigil Mass Saturdays 4:00 pm

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the Mass. Visit our parish
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September 5, 2021



K of C Council #14600



9th Annual Car Show

**St. Martha Church
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**Saturday, September 25th 2021
9:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

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**Mike Dumont: 860-741-2363
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the Parish Office will be
closed Monday
September 6th.**

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