SAINT MARTHA PARISH

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September 12, 2021 The Twenty-Fourth 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

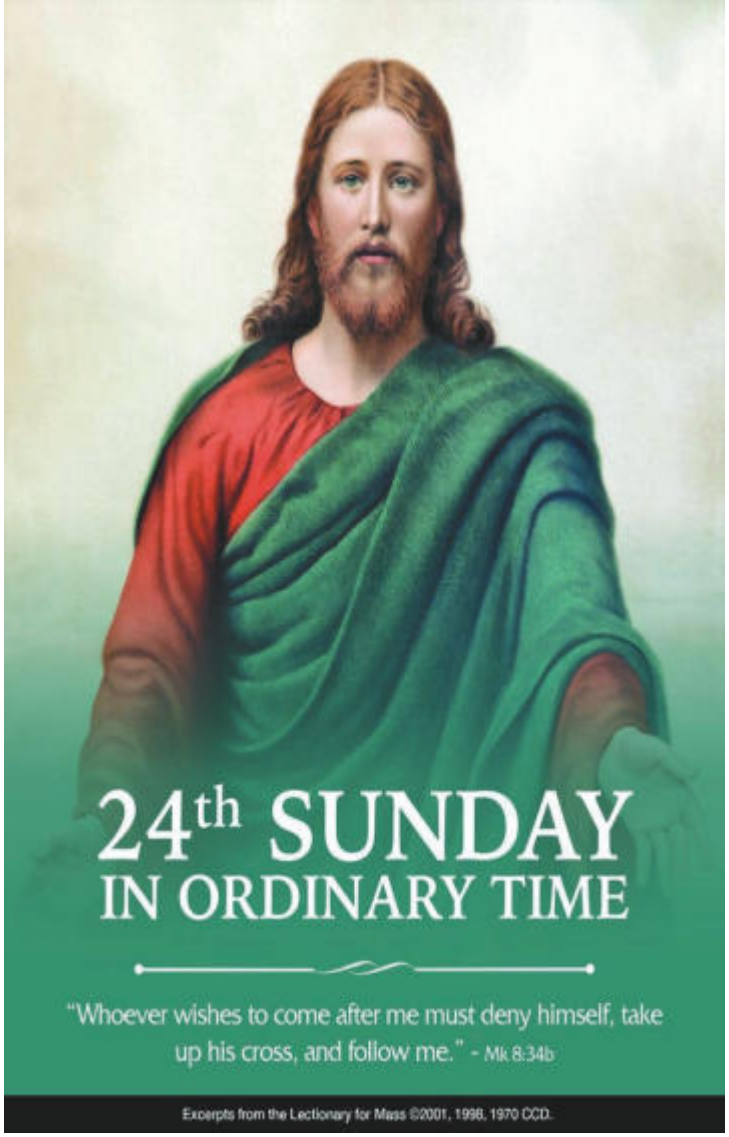
Baptisms:
Saturdays at 12:00 PM by appointment only – Please contact the rectory at least one month in advance.

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



Mass Intentions

September 11th / September 12th

SAT/SUN	4:00 PM	r/s Robert LeMay, r/b Brian & Diana LeMay
Spanish	5:30 PM	Parish Intention
	9:00 AM	r/s Antonia & Gaspare Rosato, r/b The Santo Rosato Family
TLM	11:00 AM	r/s Daniel & Roberta Haywood, r/b Troy Henke
MONDAY:	8:30 AM	Birthday Blessing for he twins, r/b their parents
TUESDAY:	8:30 AM	Intentions of Blanca Roman, r/b a friend
WED.:	8:30 AM	Intentions of Carmen Castonguay, r/b Diane
TLM :	7:00 PM	Our Blessed Mother's intentions for Dr. Carissa Webster– Lake, r/b Mr. & Mrs. Steven W. Camerota
THURSDAY:	8:30 AM	r/s Theresa Caswell, r/b Dot Skinner
SATURDAY:	9:00 AM	

MASSES SCHEDULED FOR: Sept. 18th/ Sept. 19th

4:00 PM	r/s Joan Payne
5:30 PM	Parish Intention
9:00AM	r/s Angela Salvati
11:00 AM	r/s Intentions of Rachel & Jared Perry, Marriage Blessings

SANCTUARY LAMP
Special Intentions

CHAPEL LAMP

Born of Water and the Spirit

"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

Thank you

The Collection from September 5th was $ 5939.00
Today's Second Collection is the Utility Collection

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

We need to get our bearings straight and properly lay life's cornerstone. Otherwise, the rest of our journey will be skewed, and our judgment clouded. We can recall Jesus' famous rebuke of Peter, "You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Even he, as one of Jesus' closest friends struggles with understanding things and grasping the big picture. Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (1881-1955) a renowned and learned French Jesuit priest often has these words attributed to him: "We are not human beings having a spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings having a human experience." Whether they were actually from his lips, they certainly mimic his thought. These wise words orient us and capture the essence of who we really are.

Many people consider spirituality an option. It is no wonder that they come to this conclusion when they predominantly define themselves using human terms and concepts. Immersed in this world view, they struggle finding any semblance of God because God does not work according to human expectations! This is especially true when suffering and death enter life's picture. If we are only human beings having a spiritual experience, then we wrongly expect our spirituality to serve us as we desire. The human expectation is that my spiritual life is something that is useful in avoiding pain, hardship, and death, not something that gives the courage to live through it!

So, when we protest and get upset with God because our journey is becoming difficult, painful, treacherous, disappointing, and even pointing us toward death, Jesus rebukes us as he did Peter and gently reminds us how to see. It is God who inspires and opens hearts to see truth and beauty. In God, the true meaning of things is understood, and we receive a depth of insight and understanding that is not found following purely human paths. It is not our task to understand God, as God is beyond human understanding. Ours is the joyful privilege of simply resting in God's presence simply because God is God and we are who we are. As spiritual beings having an exciting and adventurous human experience, it is in our DNA to do so. Through prayer we can let go and let be. This is how we lose our lives but then save them.

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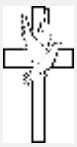

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let your perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.
Amen.

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. You help will be very appreciated.****

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

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

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.

K of C Council #14600

9th Annual Car Show

St. Martha Church
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Saturday, September 25th 2021
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Rain Date September 26th

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The Twenty– Fourth Sunday in Ordinary

St. Martha Rectory

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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
1st Sunday of the month from 1:00 – 3:30 pm

Live Stream Sunday Mass Schedule
Vigil Mass Saturdays 4:00 pm

Sacrament of Confirmation

Congratulations to all the Saint Martha Parish Students that received the Sacrament of Confirmation On September 11, 2021!

Tatiana Seraphina Barnes

Ian Francis Cargile

Jaqueline Kateri Demers

Evan Joseph Fitzgerald

Natalie Monica Fitzgerald

Gianna Flora Lenoci-Gilmore

Jake Bartholomew Giustina

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Tianna Teresa Hesse

Kelsey Bernard Higgins

Gina Katherine Perkins

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PARISH OFFICE Closed

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