

SAINT MARTHA PARISH

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December 12, 2021

The Third Sunday of Advent

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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.)

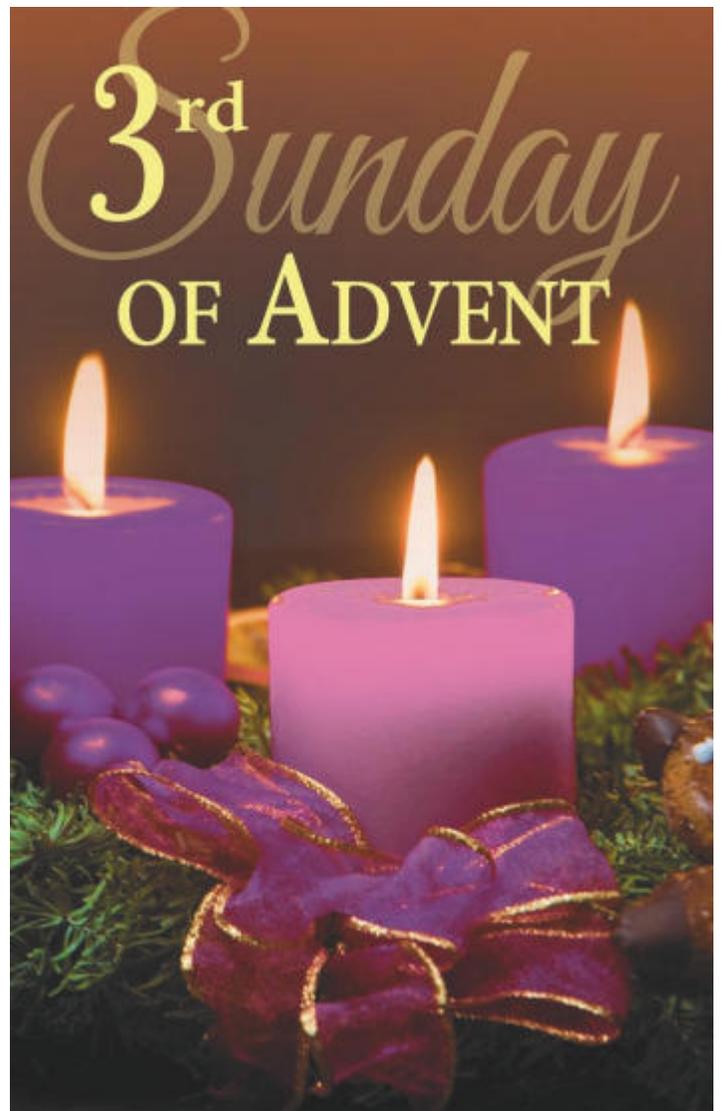
Saturday 9:00AM English (1st Saturday TLM only)

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

December 11th/ December 12th

SAT/SUN 4:00 PM r/s Joan Payne, r/b Joan & Jerry Maly

Spanish 5:30 PM r/s Carmen Mato, r/b Rosa Santiago

9:00 AM r/s Ronald III & Laurie Scovill, r/b their Parents

TLM 11:00 AM r/s Raymond Easterling, r/b Friends

MONDAY: 8:30 AM The Souls in Purgatory

TUESDAY: 8:30 AM The Souls in Purgatory

WED.: 8:30 AM The Souls in Purgatory

TLM : 7:00 PM r/s John Paul Eckel, r/b Kathleen Barnett

THURSDAY: 8:30 AM The Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY: 9:00 AM The Souls in Purgatory

MASSES SCHEDULED FOR: December 18th / December 19th

4:00 PM r/s John Radziewicz
Birthday Remembrance

5:30 PM Parish Intentions

9:00AM The Intentions of the Mazano Family

11:00 AM r/s Raymond Kelly

Thank you

The December 5th was Collection \$
Today's Second Collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious

3rd Sunday of Advent

“From silly devotions and sour-faced saints, good Lord, deliver us!” St. Teresa of Avila

We’ve all heard the adage, “Laughter is the best medicine.” In many ways, it really is. When was the last time you really laughed? The gift of imagination allows us to see possible things that are yet to be. Imagine a world filled with laughter. We take life too seriously sometimes. Fear, uncertainty, pressure, negativity, disappointment, and myriad other human experiences can rob us of the joy needed for laughter. God never promised us an easy road, and we do have to take the course of our lives seriously. However, there is a balance to be sought and a possible joy that can be brought even to the darkest and most challenging of encounters.

St. Therese of Lisieux reminds us that, “Joy is not found in the material objects surrounding us but in the inner recesses of the soul. One can possess joy in a prison cell as well as in a palace.” Falling in love with God, who is present in all of creation, allows us to bring a depth of understanding to everything we do and experience. We can more easily see above and beyond things while pursuing the only One who can truly satisfy our hearts. When we realize that God, the king of Israel, is in our midst and with us, there is no further misfortune to fear. We can celebrate the wonder and beauty of God’s gift of joy. It is no wonder that many saints radiate joy and have no reservations expressing laughter. They are happy because they have found a pearl of great price.

We celebrate with joy today with hearts filled with expectation, wonder, awe, and beauty as we ready ourselves, even more excitedly, for the coming of our Savior. Do not fear and do not be discouraged. If you haven’t laughed in a while, why? Something is preventing you from expressing the magnificence of your soul and the presence of God who dwells within. God’s power and presence within us assures us that we are loved and kept in that presence. What more is really needed? Rejoice and laugh in the presence of God! It really is the best medicine and a most perfect way to convince others that God is really with us. “Go ahead, laugh! Live your life with joy and serve the Lord with laughter! Joy, with peace, is the sister of charity. Serve the Lord with laughter.” (St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina) ©LPi



SANCTUARY LAMP
r/s Bridget Nicholas & Elizabeth McKeown
r/b the Family



For the Repose of the Soul of :
Anne-Marie Wellspeak
Hermance “Hermie” Marquis
Michael Hanlon
Priscilla Morin
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let our perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.
Amen.



“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

MESSAGE TO ST. MARTHA PARISHINERS
.FROM REV. ANTHONY J. BRUNO

My Dear Friends:

On November 16, 2021, the Vicar For Priests of the Archdiocese of Hartford, Msgr. James Shanley, wrote to me asking that, with the transfer of Rev. Sebastian Kos from St. Raymond of Penafort Parish here in Enfield to New Haven, if I would be “available and interested to take a more active role in St. Raymond of Penafort Parish on a temporary basis as the Pastoral Planning discussions take place to make a more permanent plan”? I immediately responded with three unequivocal words: “Yes, absolutely, positively”.

Therefore, effective Saturday, January 1, 2022, I will be the Temporary Administrator of St. Raymond of Penafort Parish in Enfield, which includes St. Patrick’s Church and St. Adalbert’s Church. As stated above, this appointment is temporary. The end date of this assignment as Temporary Administrator will be determined in large extent based on the results of the Pastoral Planning discussions that will involve all the parishes/churches in Enfield.

I began weekend assistance here at St. Martha’s at the invitation of Fr. John O’Connell 34 years ago in January, 1987, the same month that I began working as a Chaplain in the Connecticut Department of Correction. I have always been impressed over the years by your intense parish loyalty and deep devotion. You have been a unique blessing to me for all these years.

As I begin this temporary assignment, I ask your prayers not only for me, but for the entire Archdiocese of Hartford as it is engaged in long term Pastoral Planning that will affect every Catholic person in the Archdiocese. Some parts of that plan have already been implemented in other parts of the Archdiocese; more changes will be enacted in the future.

Seminarian Christmas
Gift Card Program



Lat Call!!!

Please return your envelope in the collection boxes or to the Parish Office by **Sunday, December 12, 2021.**

Thank you!

Chapel News



On Sunday, Nov.21st, on the feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, it was the 40th anniversary of our Sacred Heart chapel's opening. Let us all give thanks to the Lord for such a blessing for our parish and for all the many faithful ones who gave up their time to make it possible to keep it open. Surely they received many blessings in return!

Committed adorers are needed for the following hours:

Monday 12-1pm,

Monday 8-9 pm,

Wed. 12-1pm

Wed. 8-9pm

Wed 9-10 pm.

For more information concerning the chapel call: Flo Radziewicz@860-745-1871 or 860-216-7471.

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

Give in gratitude



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The Third Sunday of Advent

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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
Tuesday: 6:00 - 8:00 PM - Peg Connor (860)745-9861

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Every 3rd Monday of the Month
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December 12, 2021



There is a Christmas Tree in the back of the Church that will be decorated with paper ornaments. Each ornament has a gift item written on it. These gifts will help out our struggling parish families this Christmas.

You may take one, or as many ornaments as you wish. **Please return your unwrapped gift with the ornament to the Parish Office by Thursday, December 16th.** If you are not able to shop we will accept monetary donations. For questions please call the Parish Office during normal business hours.(860-745-5616).

Thank you in advance for your generosity!



Christmas Vigil Masses

4:00 PM

6:00 PM Spanish Mass

Christmas Day

12:00 AM Traditional Latin Mass

9:00 AM

11:00 Am Traditional Latin Mass

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