

# SAINT MARTHA PARISH

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December 26, 2021

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

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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)

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## **Religious Education Program:**

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

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## **Confirmation Program:**

Lori Kedzior – (860) 745-5616



## THE HOLY FAMILY

He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. - Lk 2:51-52



*Mass Intentions*

**December 26th**

**SUN**

9:00 AM The intentions of John & Ruth Janosik 70th Wedding Anniversary r/b The Family

**TLM** 11:00 AM Our Blessed Mother's intentions for Hannah Camerota, r/b her Parents

**MONDAY:** 8:30 AM Special Intentions

**TUESDAY:** 8:30 AM Special Intentions

**WED.:** 8:30 AM r/s Sister Josefa Menendez, 98th Anniversary

**TLM :** 7:00 PM r/s Irene Gosselin & Aurore Juke, r/b Troy & Elizabeth Henke

**THURSDAY:** 8:30 AM

**SATURDAY: 9:00AM TLM** Deceased members of the Shugrue & Kronin Families

**MASSES SCHEDULED FOR: January 1st/ 2nd**

4:00 PM r/s Anna Rice

5:30 PM Parish Intentions

9:00AM r/s Anthony Morriane

11:00 AM r/s Thomas R. Despard

*Thank you*


All collection will be published in next weekend's bulletin

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**


Families can be very difficult things to negotiate. This is true not only of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our Church, our society, and our global family as well. Everything human can be found in family stories. Those stories speak of wonderful life-giving successes as well as painful spirit-robbing abuses. Our greatest joys and our greatest wounds are usually connected with the experience of family. Our needs, experiences, and unresolved baggage often color what we bring to our familiar relationships. They contribute to our level of defensiveness, how guarded and protected we become, and what prejudices we believe.

In order to break the cycle of dysfunction we have to remember that it is not only by human effort that we negotiate the difficult and challenging events of our lives. There is a Divine Effort at work as well. For sure, the human effort can create quite a mess and easily destroy lives. This is true of any family with which we are associated. Today's Feast of the Holy Family serves to help us understand that there is a Divine Story being told as well. It is a story of perseverance in the face of hardship, determination in the face of despair, healing when we see nothing but wounds, and light where there is darkness. Do we believe that God is always working, guiding, restoring, and leading? Unless we do, we will never be free from the imperfections and wounds that bind us and never be able to understand what it really means to forgive. Pope Francis tells us that the "light which comes from the Holy Family encourages us to offer human warmth to other families." While this is most certainly true, we can only really begin to do this when we realize that we are still works in progress, not anchored to the wounds and sins of our past, and still a leading star in God's continually unfolding story of love. The Holy Family persevered and radiated warmth because they knew they were not alone. We can too. ©LPi

*For the Repose of the Soul of :*




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



**SANCTUARY LAMP**  
r/s Judith Torratore  
r/b her husband Tom

**CHAPEL LAMP**



*"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

**CONGRADULATIONS TO ALL OF  
ST. BERNARD SCHOOL STUDENTS THAT  
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AND PRINCIPAL'S LIST**

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Grace Herman

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Emily Birdsey  
Zackery Davey  
Autumn Gagnon  
Ella Gugliotti  
Mackenzie Pierz-Gaudet

Logan Vaghini

**Principal's List**

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Alexander Meissenn  
Anthony Rosati

**GRADE SEVEN**

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**Honors**

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Noah Dion  
Liam Feeley  
Robert Herdman  
Will Lord

Pierce Mahalski  
Joseph Ramus  
Layla Rosati  
Sophia Troiano

**Principal's List**

**GRADE SIX**

**High Honors**

Julia Clark  
Johannah Dickson  
Ella Frost  
Arielle Jacques

**Honors**

Samuel Hanson  
Samantha Hinkle  
Liam McCormick  
Shelby Nadaud  
Amelia Tiroletto Schnaars  
Emma Tiroletto Schnaars

Jackson Stanley

Scarlett Vaghini

**Principal's List**

Paityn DeMeo  
Oliver Williams

**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](mailto:brian759@sbcglobal.net).

God bless,  
Brian LeMay

**Prayer to St. Michael**



St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.

**Amen**

*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.

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**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**  
Tuesday: 6:00 - 8:00 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](mailto:kofc14600@att.net)  
The K of C meet the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM



**Lay Carmelite Community of Little Therese - #702**  
**Director: Annedda Stiller - 860-416-9600**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month from 1:00 – 3:30 pm**

*December 26, 2021*

Father Villa &  
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to wish all of  
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