

SAINT MARTHA PARISH

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January 9, 2022

Baptism of the Lord

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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



THE BAPTISM *of the Lord*

"I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Lk 3:16c

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 <h2 style="text-align: center;">Mass Intentions</h2>		
January 8th/9th		
SAT/SUN	4:00 PM	r/s Joan Payne, r/by Ed & Theresa Mastella
Spanish	5:30 PM	r/s Mercedes Nazario Jimenez, r/b her daughter Vilma Guzman Vargas
	9:00 AM	r/s Anna Rice, r/b Michael, Janene Bernier & Family
TLM	11:00 AM	Special Intentions
MONDAY:	8:30 AM	Intentions of Reverend Robert Villa belated Birthday Blessings, r/b Flo Radziewicz
TUESDAY:	8:30 AM	r/s Rosemary Hetzer 3rd Anniversary, r/b Rory Rosencrans.
WED.:	8:30 AM	Mary Wellspeak, r/b the Couture Family
7:00 PM TLM		The healing of the Minor & Shaheen Family
THURSDAY:	8:30 AM	r/s Deacon Robert Bernd, r/b Arlene Dubord
SATURDAY:	9:00AM	Parish Intentions
MASSES SCHEDULED FOR: January 15th /16th		
	4:00 PM	Intentions of James Ayotte
	5:30 PM	Parish Intentions
	9:00AM	r/s Catherine Nolan Birthday Remembrance
	11:00 AM	Living & Decease members of the Cottier & McCoid Families


Thank you

The Collection from Christmas was \$9156.00
 The Collection from December 26th was \$8457.81
 The Collection from January 2nd was \$ 4166.00
 The Collection for the Solemnity of Mary was \$ 1070.00
 Next weekend Second Collection is the Utility

The Baptism of the Lord

“We are called to live our baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ.”— Pope Francis


What reference point do you use when making decisions? Many times, impulse takes control and decisions are made based solely on emotion and desire. We all know that these types of decisions can often get us into trouble. When a person has a confident sense of who they are and a real understanding of what is important and of value, the likelihood of kneejerk impulsive choices diminishes. Baptism gives us what we need to make well informed and purposeful decisions. By this simple gesture, God claims us as His own and provides us with the identity and purpose we need to properly live life. It is tremendously reassuring, when we truly embrace this revelation and realize that we no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. The answer of who we are in God has been given to us. We no longer have to fumble around, trip over ourselves or walk aimlessly about. Issues surrounding the sacredness of life, the meaning of death, the protection of those most vulnerable, care for the weak and the poor, offering hospitality to those in search of a home, the purpose and proper place of work, how to create a just social order, caring for creation, and understanding our roles as heralds and stewards are just a few of the wonderful gifts baptism brings. When we make decisions based on things such as these core Gospel truths we really act as Christ himself, revealing to others the new creations that we are. This is how we live our baptism. It is difficult to walk against the tide. Yet, that is precisely what baptism calls us to do. Although we are sinners, in need of mercy and far from perfection we are called to order our life and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of Almighty God. He alone is the one who can claim us as His sons and daughters. Standing up for our principles will not make us popular. But who ever said Christianity is a popularity contest? Baptism calls us to stand up for that which goes against the grain of secularism. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor to steady us in the tempests of life and God is very pleased. Forge ahead. There is nothing to fear. ©LPi



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 Matthew 19:14

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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

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.

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



All of the families that received gifts from the Giving Tree would like to thank you for your generosity! Your thoughtfulness and kindness brought such joy to their families! God bless all you for your acts of charity!

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