SAINT MARTHA PARISH

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January 16, 2022

Second 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:

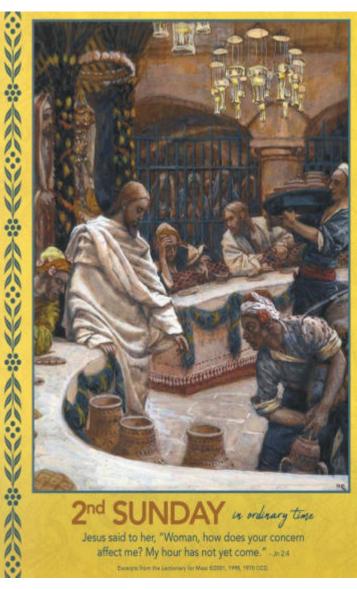
Contact the rectory at least six months in advance.

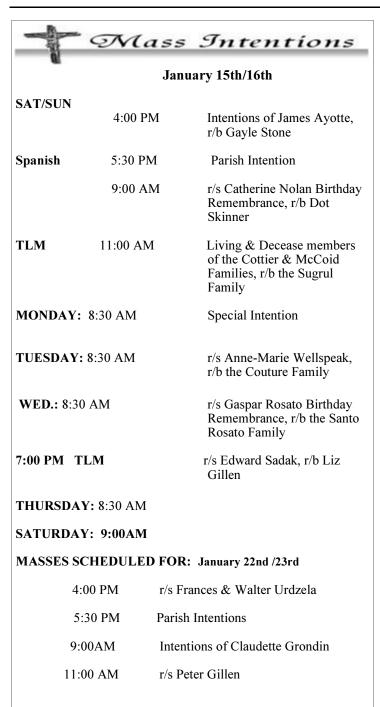
Weekday – 8:30AM (Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs.) Saturday 9:00AM English (1st Saturday TLM only)

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





SANCTUARY LAMP

CHAPEL LAMP



For the Repose of the Soul of :

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

The Collection from January 9th \$ 3200.00 Today's Second Collection is the Utility Collection Next Weekend's Second Collection is the Catholic High School Collection

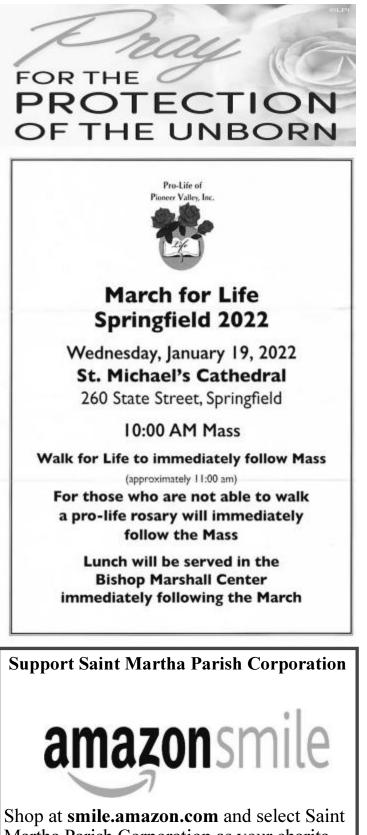
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God delights in you. How do you feel when you hear that? Delight usually comes with an exuberant flow of joy that seemingly arises from one's toes with the expression of great glee. Reflecting upon the deep measure of joy God has in us can be a source of joy for ourselves. Delight is infectious. A very young brother and sister were playing on the beach when the all too familiar ice cream truck made its daily rounds. The boy shook with excitement and delight as he took his sister's hand and exclaimed, "The ice cream man is here, isn't it great!" As they ran off toward the truck, one could hear the girl reply, "Yeah, I can't wait!" The experience of a child's delight in something so simple as ice cream, lifts our spirits from our burdens and transports us to the lighter, more innocent side of life. Life is not meant to be a burden. Believe it or not, God actually wants us to be happy! In fact, the wedding feast at Cana shows us that God even puts His blessing on our happiness. It is okay to celebrate the wonder of ourselves and others. Life is good. It is always interesting to note that Jesus saves the good wine until last. You would think it would be the other way around. The superb quality of Jesus' wine points to the superior quality of life we find in Christ. It is not a life of burdens but a life of wonder and delight! In Christ, we are lifted from the superficial and mundane to a life of purpose, hope, and love. God is with us through the long haul, through the chal-

lenges and sorrows as well as the successes and accomplishments. In spite of the fact that we often wander from the path, God's celebratory delight in us remains. As spouses are asked to remain faithful to each other through whatever life brings, God remains faithful too. This promise remains through this life and into the next. All we have to do is take the advice of Jesus' mother to heart when she says, "Listen to him." This wisdom saves us from foolishly giving in to the illusion that we can make better wine than Jesus. ©LPi



"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



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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 <u>brian759@sbcglobal.net</u>. 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 Christ, King of the Universe, it was the 40th versary 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 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

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The Parish Office will be closed on Monday January 17th in honor of Martin Luther Kind Day.

2021 CHURCH DONTION STATEMENTS

Donation statements for 2021 are ready. Please fill out, this form and drop it in the collection basket. *Please do not call the rectory to request your statement *unless you plan to pick it up*. (Self-addressed stamped envelopes gratefully accepted.) Thank you.

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• To pick up your donation statement call the • rectory Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday

• between 9:30 AM and 2:00 PM. Thank you.

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