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January 23, 2022

Third 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)

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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



**3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY** *in ordinary time*

*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me  
to bring glad tidings to the poor." - Lk 4:18*

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*Mass Intentions*

**January 22nd/23rd**

**SAT/SUN** 4:00 PM r/s Frances & Walter Urdzela, r/b Kathy, Harold & Jackie

**Spanish** 5:30 PM r/s Natalie Landry, r/b Elisa Sanchez

9:00 AM Intentions of Claudette Grondin, r/b Dot Skinner

**TLM** 11:00 AM r/s Peter Gillen, r/b The Bishop Family

**MONDAY:** 8:30 AM r/s George Robinson 21st anniversary, r/b Jackie Robinson, Harold & Kathy

**TUESDAY:** 8:30 AM Parish Intentions

**WED.:** 8:30 AM

**7:00 PM TLM** r/s Edward Sadak, r/b Tony & Nancy Salvati

**THURSDAY:** 8:30 AM

**SATURDAY:** 9:00AM


**MASSES SCHEDULED FOR: January 22nd /23rd**

4:00 PM r/s Richard Welch Jr.

5:30 PM Parish Intentions

9:00AM r/s Anna Rice

11:00 AM In Thanksgiving, r/b The Minor




**SANCTUARY LAMP**

**CHAPEL LAMP**

*For the Repose of the Soul of :*

**Scott Fowler**  
**Gail Maloney**  
**Reverend Peter Stanley Sobiecki**  
**Deacon John H. Charles**



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

*Thank you*


The Collection from January 16th was \$ 4439.00  
 The Utility Collection was \$ 788.00  
 Today's Second Collection is the Catholic High School Collection

**3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Human history reveals many periods where people lost a sense of God's transcendence. It may even be argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more than they have been at home and focused. Human nature being what it is, we struggle with who God really is — the God of our salvation history or the "gods" of human constructs. Relying on our own designs and pursuits, we forget that we really are meant to listen to One upon whom the Spirit of the Lord rests, Jesus Christ, and not to ourselves. That same history that reveals our fickleness and infidelity also reveals God's constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us.

As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness and giving them the assurance of His presence. We have to allow God's Word, God's life, to touch us and change us. It can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that every day is one that is holy. Every day is a time when fulfillment is possible for one's soul. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn't forget. He always comes for us.

Now it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God. But when we realize, deep within, the depth of friendship God offers to us it really has the power to turn sadness to joy. The promise is fulfilled. Going frequently to God's Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainty of God's fidelity and promise permanently transforms us. We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy and less invested in things that pull us away. ©LPI



*Born of Water and the Spirit*

**Joseph Mark Henke**

*"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

**“The ABCs of Annulment”**

Sponsored by the Metropolitan Tribunal, Bloomfield Father Jeffrey V. Romans, Pastor of Saint Bridget of Sweden Parish, 175 Main Street, Cheshire, Connecticut, in collaboration with Father George Mukuka, the Judicial Vicar of the Metropolitan Tribunal in Bloomfield, Connecticut, will host “The ABCs of Annulment” on Saturday of March 5th , 2022, from 10 am to 12:00 pm, in the Parish Hall at the address above. Updates of the process initiated by Pope Francis as well as those made in the Archdiocese of Hartford will be presented by Br. Larry Lussier CSC, and Jim Tottenham. Follow-up Annulment Workshops to help participants write their applications will be held at the same address on Saturday March 12th , and March 19th from 10 am to 12:00 pm. Br. Larry, Jim Tottenham, and other members of the Annulment Team, will be present for the Workshops. The “ABCs of Annulment” event is open to all at no cost. Participants will receive a folder with the required printed materials. No registration is required. For further information call Br. Larry @ 475-221-8464 or email him at brolarlus300@gmail.com.

**Novena to end Human Trafficking**

The International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking is observed annually on February 8, the Feast of St. Josephine Bakhita, who was kidnapped as a child and sold into slavery in Sudan and Italy. St. Bakhita is the patroness of survivors of human trafficking. The Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry (OCSJM) invites you to invoke her intercession for all those involved in human trafficking and an end to this societal ill by participating in a novena. Beginning Feb. 8 the link to the daily prayer will be posted on OCSJM’s Facebook channel, the Archdiocesan website, and the Archdiocesan YouTube page. Please follow or subscribe to one of these outlets.

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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 [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**

January 23, 2022

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
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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.**

**\*Online Giving Donation Statements will not be ready until after January 15th.\***

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