

Saint Martha Parish

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April 17, 2022

Easter Sunday

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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.

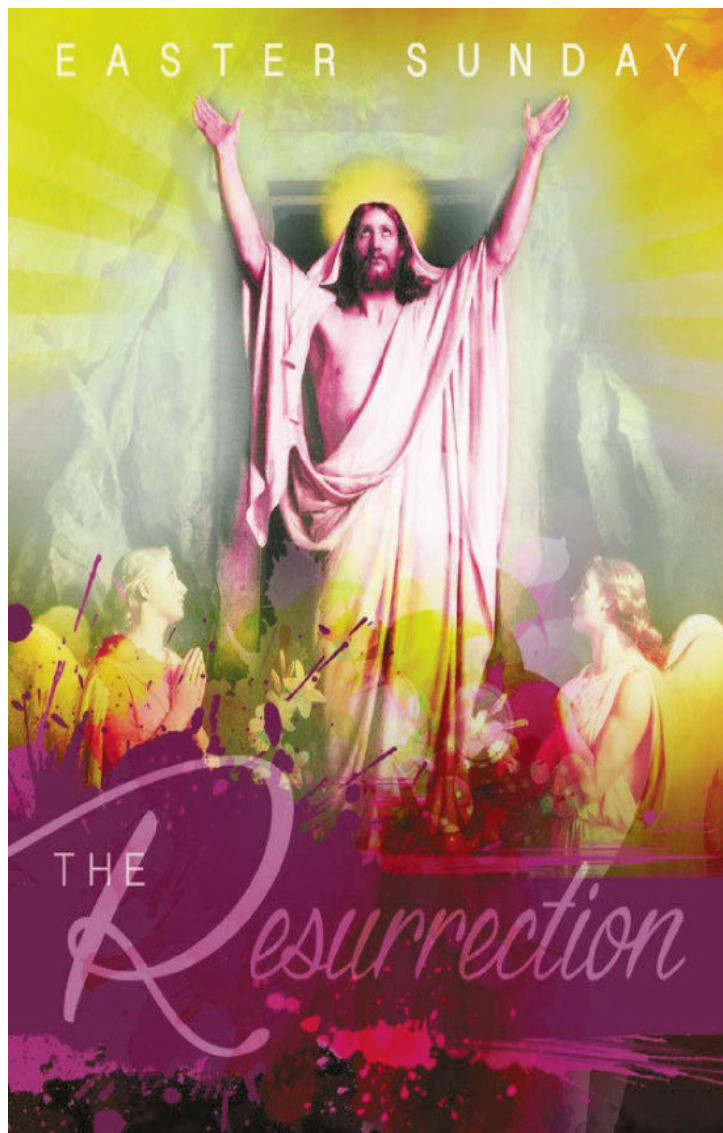
Weekday – 8:30AM (Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs.)
Saturday 9:00AM English (1st Saturday TLM only)

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

April 16th/17th

SAT/SUN

8:00 PM r/s Donald Guillerault, r/b Gayle Snow

9:00 AM r/s Anna Rice ,r/b Nancy Fritze & Joseph Gamba

TLM

11:00 AM r/s Rosemary Hetzer, r/b Rory Rosencrans

MONDAY: 8:30 AM

r/s Theresa Pelletier, the family

TUESDAY: 8:30 AM

The Souls in Purgatory

WED.: 8:30 AM

The Souls in Purgatory

7:00 PM TLM

r/s Frances Bernier 1st Anniversary, Linda & Greg Bailey

THURSDAY: 8:30 AM

The Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY: 9:00

Intentions of Jose Rivera Birthday Blessings , r/b his daughter Zayra

MASSES SCHEDULED FOR: April 23th/ 24th

4:00 PM r/s Ann-Marie Wellspeak

5:30 PM Parish Intentions

9:00 AM r/s Anna Rice

11:00 AM r/s Clement Bernier 8th Anniversary

Thank you

The Collection from April 10th was \$ 6067.00

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

There are many stones in our paths that keep us from truly living and being free. Some of these boulders have been there for a very long time. They have been there so long that they have even settled into the soil of our lives with other weeds, vines, and compacted soil keeping them firmly in place. We find them hard to move and trying to do so can be exhausting. What are these suffocating albatrosses that keep us so tethered and immobile? They are many things.

They are past childhood wounds and hurts that stem from disappointment, rejection, or abuse. People may have told us we were unwanted, that the world is frightening, that there are only some acceptable feelings you can have and others you cannot. We may have tried to love someone or struggled to figure out how and were met with rejection. Maybe we trusted someone completely and were betrayed. We come to life collecting barnacles that begin to attach to other barnacles and before you know it, we have a mass of solid matter blocking our vision and keeping us from moving. We live in fear. We are afraid of losing what we have, afraid that the future will be empty, afraid that we won't succeed and even more afraid that we will not be loved. There is so much fear. Didn't Jesus tell us not to worry and to not be afraid? Either we believe in the message of Easter, or we don't!

Go confidently into the night. Walking with God you will find the light and strength you need. Often without even knowing, God will move those boulders and stumbling blocks that bind us and, with putting one foot in front of the other and looking forward, we will move. The resurrection of Christ is really all about receiving the gifts of trust and faith and doing new things. The rocks that bind us keep us spinning the same wheels and doing the same things. When was the last time you threw caution to the wind and actually did something totally out of character and different? This is where we find God, in the spontaneous, the adventurous, the fun, and the creative choices we make! God is not boring and stuck. God is exciting and engaging. Jesus Christ is risen from the dead! Find a way to trust that this is true and live.©LPi

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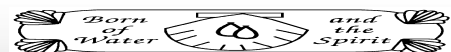
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For the Repose of the Soul of :

Rev. Emmanuel Ihemedu

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



Thank you to the parish families who have made a gift or pledge commitment to the 2022 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not yet had the opportunity, please consider prayerfully supporting the many "Good Works" of the Archdiocese. Every gift will be gratefully received and sincerely appreciated.



The Youth Group would like to thank everyone for purchasing Palm Crosses! They appreciate your support!

ST. MARTHA YOUTH GROUP FUNDRAISING EFFORTS

Due to the Covid -19 Virus our Youth Group's Fundraising efforts are very limited for their Steubenville East Retreat. If you are able and would like to sponsor a youth (in full or in part) to attend this most important spiritually beneficial Catholic Conference for a youth who's unable to attend due to financial hard ship please Lori Kedzior at our Parish Office 860-745-5616

Thank you for all your support!

The Life in the Spirit Seminar



A *Life-in-the Spirit Seminar* will be held at Saint Martha Parish on Tuesday evenings for seven weeks, April 19th – May 31st, 2022, from 6:00pm – 8:00 pm in the classroom across from the Chapel.
 Saint Martha Parish
 214 Brainard Road
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- The Seminar content is as follows:
- Week 1 – God's Love
 - Week 2 – Salvation
 - Week 3 – New Life
 - Week 4 – Receiving God's Gifts
 - Week 5 – Receiving the Holy Spirit
 - Week 6 – Growth
 - Week 7 – Transformation in Christ

"You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes to you"
 Acts 1:8

For additional information please call
 Peggi @ 860-745 – 9861

This seminar is sponsored free of charge by the Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Prayer Group. The prayer group meets on Tuesday evening at 6:00 pm at Saint Martha Parish.

All are welcome – give it a try!



Next Sunday April 24th is Divine Mercy Sunday. Please join us for Benediction and the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 pm.



"Aleluya!" ¡Cristo ha resucitado! "Aleluya!" Con estas sencillas palabras proclamamos a todo el mundo que la muerte no tiene la última palabra. Con estas sencillas palabras proclamamos nuestra creencia en la promesa de Jesucristo de que todo aquel que viva y crea en Él tendrá la vida eterna.

Jesús vino a traer este mensaje de esperanza. Es un mensaje de su amor abnegado por nosotros que incluso vence a la muerte. Es un mensaje que es recibido y acogido por algunos y rechazado por otros hasta el fin de los tiempos.

La Pascua es un día de triunfo, de gran alegría y esperanza, a pesar de que seguimos siendo testigos de los horribles efectos de la invasión rusa de Ucrania y la tragedia que se está infligiendo a tantas personas inocentes de todas las edades, un menciónar tantos dolores y pecados que todavía son parte de la vida en este mundo. Pero ninguna de estas cosas tendrá la última palabra. La Pascua es el mensaje definitivo de que Dios tiene la última palabra de que la vida triunfará sobre la muerte, que la tristeza y la angustia inevitablemente darán paso a la reivindicación y la alegría!

Posemos una esperanza inquebrantable gracias a Jesucristo. Durante este tiempo de Pascua, mientras celebramos la gloria de su muerte y resurrección,

recordemos que nos ofrece esperanza y nos da consuelo. Es en respuesta al amor divino que nos acogemos como hermanos y hermanas hoy, ya no dispersos y divididos por el pecado, sino unidos como un solo Cuerpo en Cristo. Al renovar juntos nuestras promesas bautismales y recibir la Sagrada Eucaristía nos convertimos en signos vivos de la redención del mundo, como un solo Cuerpo proclamamos el Evangelio de la Pascua para la salvación del mundo.

Hoy y todos los días las personas en toda nuestra Arquidiócesis dan de su tiempo, talento y tesoro para ayudar a otros y llevarles esperanza. Este don de sí mismo es evidente dentro de nuestra Iglesia y en toda la comunidad en general. Gracias por todo lo que hacen para edificar el Reino de Dios.

Al celebrar la Pascua, ustedes están en mis oraciones, y pido las mejores bendiciones de Dios para ustedes y sus seres queridos. ¡El ha resucitado, Aleluya!

Sinceramente suyo en Cristo,



+ Leonard P. Blair
 Rm. Leonard P. Blair
 Arzobispo de Hartford



CEMETERY CLEAN UP FOR SPRING



Due to current circumstances, clean up at St. Patrick's King Street Cemetery and St. Adalbert Cemetery will not be scheduled. We request that families monitor their plots, discarding all flowers and plants from the Fall and Winter as well as those that look shabby and unkempt. Reminder: artificial flowers are not allowed after April 15 since it is during the growing season. Check the Cemetery Rules sign about items not allowed or please call the Cemetery Office with any questions: 860-745-2411. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our cemetery a serene and Godly place of repose for our loved ones. Other

Easter Sunday

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Office hours: Monday – Friday: 9:30 AM – 12 N
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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 Parish Office

Parish Home Visitation – Legion of Mary:
Meets every Monday at 2:30 PM

Prayer Line: 860-745-5616 The Parish Office

Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Charismatic Prayer Group

Meets every Tuesday: 6:00 - 8:00 PM. For more
information please call 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

Espanola Grupo de oracion : Lunes 7pm A 9pm
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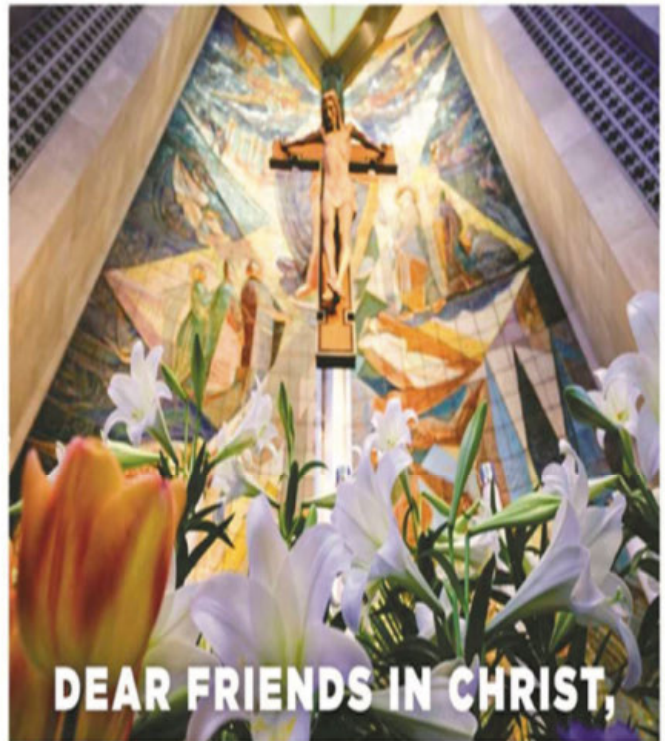


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1st Sunday of the month from 1:00 – 3:30 pm

April 17, 2022



Father Villa & Staff would like to wish you and your family a Happy Easter!



"Alleluia" Christ is Risen! "Alleluia" With these simple words we proclaim to all the world that death does not have the final word. With these simple words we proclaim our belief in the promise of Jesus Christ that everyone who lives and believes in Him will have eternal life.

Jesus came to deliver this message of hope. It is a message of his self-sacrificing love for us that even conquers death. It is a message that is received and welcomed by some, and rejected by others until the end of time.

Easter is a day of triumph, of great joy and hope, even though we continue to witness the horrific effects of the Russian invasion of Ukraine and the tragedy being inflicted on so many innocent people of all ages, not to mention the many sorrows and sins that are still part of life in this world. But none of these things will ever have the last word. Easter is the definitive message that God has the last word that life will triumph over death, that sorrow and anguish will inevitably give way vindication and joy!

We possess an unshakeable hope because of Jesus Christ. During this Easter Season, as we celebrate the glory of His death and resurrection, let us remember that it

offers us hope, and it gives us comfort. It is in response to divine love that we rejoice as brothers and sisters today, no longer scattered and divided by sin, but united as one Body in Christ. As together we renew our baptismal promises and receive the Holy Eucharist, we become living signs of the redemption of the world, as one Body we proclaim the Easter Gospel for the salvation of the world.

Today and every day people across our Archdiocese give of their time, talent and treasure to help others and bring them hope. This gift of self is evident within our Church and throughout the wider community. Thank you for all that you do to build up God's Kingdom.

As we celebrate Easter you are in my prayers, and I ask God's choicest blessings upon you and your loved ones. He is Risen, Alleluia!

Sincerely yours in Christ,



+ Leonard P. Blair

Most Reverend Leonard P. Blair
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