

Saint Martha Parish

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April 24, 2022

Divine Mercy 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.

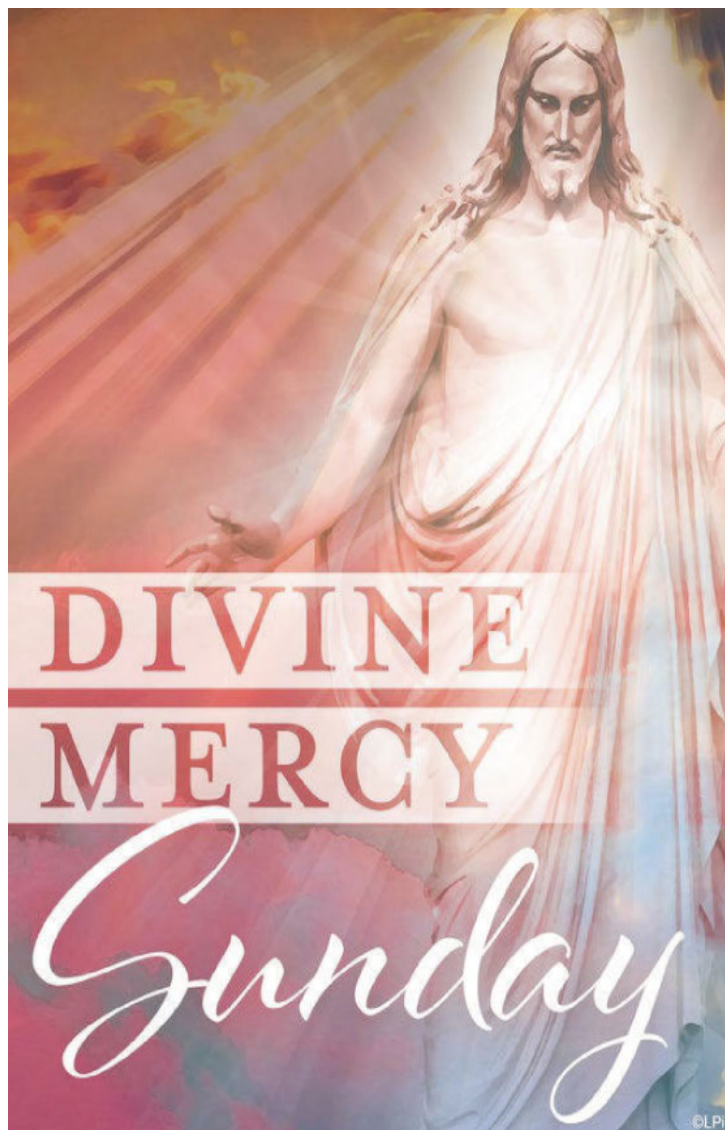
Weekday – 8:30AM (Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs.)
Saturday 9:00AM English (1st Saturday TLM only)


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 23rd/24th

SAT/SUN

4:00 PM r/s Ann-Marie Wellspeak,
r/b her Parents

9:00 AM r/s Anna Rice ,r/b Carrol
Piorek

TLM 11:00 AM r/s Clement Bernier 8th
Anniversary, r/b Linda &
Greg Baily

MONDAY: 8:30 AM Intentions of Mark Plourde,
r/b Diane Plourde & Family

TUESDAY: 8:30 AM Intentions of Joseph Renaud,
r/b The Smith Family

WED.: 8:30 AM The Souls in Purgatory

7:00 PM TLM r/s John Miller III,r/b
Sada Kierski

THURSDAY: 8:30 AM Blessings for a private
Marian Consecration group,
r/b Elisabet Aiezza

SATURDAY: 9:00 r/s Hilda Jimenez, the Family


MASSES SCHEDULED FOR: April 30th/May 1st

4:00 PM r/s Francis & Gerard Ayott

5:30 PM Parish Intentions


9:00 AM r/s Ann-Marie Wellspeak

12:00 PM r/s Pauline (Laurie) Putriment



SANCTUARY LAMP

CHAPEL LAMP



*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 April 17th was \$ 4509.00
The Easter collection was \$ 9039.00
The Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land was \$542.00
The Easter Flower collection was \$ 1282.00
The Holy Thursday Collection was \$ 916.00
Today's Second collection is the Utility Collection

2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

Even Thomas struggles to remove his boulder! Being very pragmatic and determined, he wants to see the risen Christ for himself! Thomas's boulder is heavy with mistrust. Many of ours are too. A certain amount of skepticism is good, as it can save us from being duped or misled. But we can become so skeptical of things that it erodes our ability to trust anything we see or hear. Skepticism can actually be a well-disguised defense mechanism that we use to prevent us from being hurt or perceived as a fool. Having too much ego protection is a real risk. Thomas, because of the boulder blocking his vision, could not even trust the word of his friends.

Boulders are hard to move. It's difficult to seek change or take a risk, especially when we are so afraid to be vulnerable or reluctant to trust another's word. When we are closed minded, overly pragmatic, unwilling to see things in a different way, stubborn or defensive, it is difficult to be surprised by God and stretched. We need to be less guarded, self-assured, and self-absorbed. God cannot break into the ordinary moments of our lives and inspire us when we cling to doubt. If we are going to discover resurrection faith, we have to believe that what the witnesses say is true, especially when they are credible. We also have to trust that the risen Christ is alive in us, too!

While the first witnesses to the resurrection have faded into history, there are many others who have come after them. They continue to inspire by walking the talk of faith. They are the martyrs who offer their lives for the Gospel, the simple holy people in our communities who cling so steadfastly to their faith, those who have touched despair and found new hope and the ones who, even in spite of ridicule, still pursue their hunger and thirst for God. They are our friends, acquaintances, biblical heroes, and saints, and many others who are convinced that they have seen the Lord! The risen Christ may not surprise us with the same kind of visit as he did the first disciples, but God finds other ways. All we have to do is open our eyes, remove whatever is preventing us from seeing and believing and exclaim: "My Lord and my God!" ©LPi



. The Archbishop's Annual Appeal changes lives through service. In addition to assisting the underserved of our communities, your gift helps those discerning a vocation to the priesthood. Your gift to the Appeal is an investment in the future of our Church and our faith. Thank you to the parish families who have made a gift or pledge to the 2022 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not yet participated, please prayerfully consider a gift today. Please know that every dollar of your gift will have a positive impact in someone's life. All funds contributed to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature, which can be found at <https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/>. No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements

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 Parish Office will be closed April 23rd - May 2nd

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Latin Mass on May 1st will be celebrated at 12:00 pm by Father Lee Perry.

Knights of Columbus # 14600 Membership Drive



The Knights of Columbus is international Order of Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others, and defend values in a busy changing world. Our local council in Enfield, # 14600 will be holding a membership drive at Masses the weekend of May 14th and 15th. Whether you become an individual member or a member of our council you will find that Knights of Columbus membership brings Catholic men together in a powerful way. If you would like to join today, simply go to KofC.org/joinus and enter our council #14600 for location information.

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

Divine Mercy Sunday

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 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
Informes (860) 265-0687



K of C Rev. John B. O'Connell Council 14600
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The K of C meet on the 2nd & 4th Monday of the month at
7:00 PM



Lay Carmelite Community of Little Therese - #702
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1st Sunday of the month from 1:00 – 3:30 pm

April 24, 2022

Jesus,
I Trust in You.



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

How to pray The Chaplet of Divine Mercy

1. Make the Sign of the Cross

2. (Optional*) Pray,

You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in You!

3. "Our Father,"

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

"Hail Mary,"

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

"And the Apostle's Creed."

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead...

...I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

4. On the Our Father beads pray,

Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

5. On the Hail Mary Beads pray,

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

6. Pray three times,

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

(Optional*)

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.

Close with the Sign of the Cross.

Jesus' promise to St. Faustina

"Say unceasingly this chaplet that I have taught you: Anyone who says it will receive great Mercy at the hour of death. Priests will recommend it to sinners as the last hope. Even the most hardened sinner, if he recites this Chaplet even once, will receive grace from My Infinite Mercy. I want to give unimaginable graces to those who trust in My Mercy..."

"...When they say this Chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between My Father and the dying person not as the just judge but as the Merciful Savior".

*Optional Prayers are taken from *The Diary of St. Faustina*.



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