Saint Martha Parish

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May 1, 2022

The Third Sunday of Easter

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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.

Mass Schedule:

Weekday – 8:30AM (Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs.) Saturday 9:00AM English (1st Saturday TLM only) Weekend - Vigil Masses Saturday 4:00 PM and 5:30 PM (Spanish)

Sunday 9:00 AM and 11: 00 AM (TLM)

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.

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



3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Jesus said to them, "Come, have breakfast." And none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they realized it was the Lord. Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish. - Jn 21:12-13



April 30th/May 1st

SAT/SUN

4:00 PM r/s Francis & Gerard Ayotte,

r/b the Family

5:30 PM Parish Intentions

9:00 AM r/s Ann-Marie Wellspeak,

r/b her parents

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

Putriment, r/b Linda & Greg

Baily

MONDAY: 8:30 AM Intentions of the Manzane

Family, r/b the Smith Family

TUESDAY: 8:30 AM Ir/s Leslie Kaeppel, r/b the

Murry Cousins

WED.: 8:30 AM Intentions of the Cabeen

Family, r/b the Smith Family

7:00 PM TLM r/s John Hurley, r/b Dian &

Anthony Palmieri

THURSDAY: 8:30 AM The Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY: 9:00 TLM r/s Kieran Kelly, r/b Hannah

Camerota

MASSES SCHEDULED FOR: May7th/ May 8th

4:00 PM r/s Michael Hanlon

5:30 PM r/s Catherine Kalyan

9:00 AM r/s Anna Rice

11:00 AM r/s Rosemary Hetzer



SANCTUARY LAMP Special Intentions

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For the Repose of the Soul of:

Dorothy Herbert

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



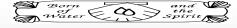
The Collection from April 24 & the Utility collection will be listed in next weekend Bulletin

3rd Sunday of Easter

Could it be that God's image has become so soiled and distorted that it is hard for us to see it? Our self-serving agendas have done a great job twisting God's image into what profits us. We want our agenda to be God's agenda and use prayer as the convincing leverage we need. Worse still, our success and egocentric agenda often erases God's image completely, replacing it with our own. St. Oscar Romero instructs us that the Son of Man "dies on the cross to cleanse God's image, which is soiled in today's humanity, a humanity so enslaved, so selfish, so sinful." Striving to preserve control of our destinies at all costs, we fail to see the risen suffering servant, the Christ, standing right beside us.

Jesus, who suffered and died on a cross and was raised from the dead, corrects our soiled image of God. He shows us God as God is, not who we want to make God to be. God is the God of the poor, the weak, and the marginalized. He is the God who tenderly caresses us when we are suffering and hurting, assuring us that all will be safe and well. He is the God of equity, peace, justice, and compassion who wants happiness for each of His children, desiring their wellbeing and success. God goes where men and women are afraid to go, sitting with the lost, the broken, and the sorrowing. St. Oscar Romero challenges us to illuminate with "Christ's light ... even the most hideous caverns of the human person: torture, jail, plunder, want, chronic illness. The oppressed must be saved." The resurrection calls us to be God's microphone, a messenger, and a prophet (St. Oscar Romero).

Using eyes that see beyond the limited constructs and desires of our world, we can see the true and real Jesus standing before us, calling us to transformation and change. Asking us more than once, "do you love me?" We are beckoned to give an answer. Answering in the affirmative, it is now our task to feed the sheep and the lambs who belong to God. In short, equipped with the power of the resurrection and a corrected image of God our task is to make things better, brighter, holier, more life-giving, and just for all of God's children. Considering our choices, our interactions, our philosophies, and aspirations, how can we do this? CLPi



Stephen Campion Corrigan Caroline Rose Garrett

"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. 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!

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

First Holy Communion



First Communion will take place during the 9:00 AM Mass and 11:00 AM (TLM) Mass on Sunday May 22nd

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 <u>Cemetery Rules</u> 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

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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

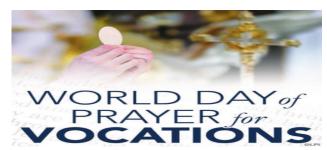


K of C Rev. John B. O'Connell Council 14600 Grand Knight—Raymond Bishop - 860-763-3076 Financial Secretary Joseph Pandolfi - 860-763-2449 E-mail - kofc14600@att.net The K of C meet on the 2nd & 4th Monday of the month at 7:00 PM



Lay Carmelite Community of Little Therese - #702 Director: Annedda Stiller - 860-416-9600 1st Sunday of the month from 1:00 - 3:30 pm





May 8, 2022

The purpose of World Day of Prayer for Vocations is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). As a climax to a prayer that is continually offered throughout the Church, it affirms the primacy of faith and grace in all that concerns vocations to the priesthood and to the consecrated life. While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates its attention this day on vocations to the ordained ministries (priesthood and diaconate), consecrated life in all its forms (male and female religious life, societies of apostolic life, consecrated virginity), secular institutes in their diversity of services and membership, and to the missionary life. (USCCB)

2022 marks the 59th Anniversary of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations

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