Saint Martha Parish

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May 8, 2022

The Fourth 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:

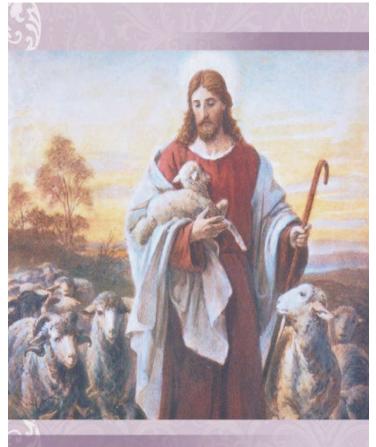
Contact the rectory at least six months in advance.

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



4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish." - Jn 10:27-28b

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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May 7th/May 8st

SAT/SUN

4:00 PM r/s Michael Hanlon, r/b SMP

5:30 PM r/s Catherine Kalyan, r/b her

daughter Nancy

9:00 AM r/s Anna Rice, r/b her

daughter Lori Kedzior

TLM 11:00 AM r/s Rosemary Hetzer, r/b

Rory Rosencrans

MONDAY: 8:30 AM Parish Intentions

TUESDAY: 8:30 AM Intention of Ortrud Bianchi

Birthday Blessings, r/b Marie

Scalone

WED.: 8:30 AM Intentions of the Jess Rank,

r/b Diane Plourde

7:00 PM TLM Intentions of Jenna S

Sadaklerski, r/b the family

THURSDAY: 8:30 AM Jill Williams, r/b the family

SATURDAY: 9:00 TLM r/s Scott Fowler, r/b the Sarno

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MASSES SCHEDULED FOR: May 14th/ May 15th

4:00 PM r/s Gerard & Francis Ayotte

5:30 PM r/s Parish Intentions

9:00 AM r/s Ann-Marie Wellspeak

11:00 AM r/s Rosemary Hetzer



SANCTUARY LAMP Joseph P. Tiroletto 44th Anniversary r/b his children



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.



The April 24th Collection was \$ 6404.00 The Utility Collection was \$1794.00 The May 1st Collection was \$3931.00

4th Sunday of Easter

"Human beings, while capable of the worst, are also capable of rising above themselves, choosing again what is good, and making a new start." (Pope Francis) We have a difficult time figuring out what is true and best for us. There are many voices talking and so many trying to get our attention. We wrongly convince ourselves that the true voice is the voice of progress, the one that speaks of contemporary wants and desires, enticing us with the latest trends and causes. We are taught, by listening to the voices around us, that truth is found in feelings and thought, and ideals must match current and popular human wants. Because we feel a particular way it must be true. Then, we find a shepherd who empathizes with us and affirms us. We follow that voice even though listening to that voice will render us powerless and lead us to harm. There are many with me in this procession to this pasture. I must be on the right path and listening to the right voice.

We are very confused. What can keep us safe and from harm? Where do we go to find life, love, and happiness? Jesus tells us that he is the way, the truth, and the life. The only way to get to Truth, who is God, is through him. There is no other way. The Church, the gate around God's pasture of life, is charged with the mission of directing us where God desires that we go. In the midst of all of the conflicting voices around us, the voice of truth is often muffled in all of the noise, but it beckons us to a life of virtue and grace. Helping us understand who we are and where we have to be, it discerns the voice of God, providing us with the safety net we need to stay straight on our path to life eternal.

We have to trust the voice of God, the true Shepherd, even when it does not mirror what we want and what others may believe. Faith goes way beyond feeling and involves a radical trust in Someone who can lead us and form us. At day's end, if we do not know to find our way home, we will be truly lost. ©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



The Archbishop's Annual Appeal provides help to those in need! Together, we can and do make a profound difference in the lives of many individuals and families, in a way that exceeds anything we could hope to achieve on our own. Please consider supporting this important initiative. Every gift makes a difference. Organizations such as Enfield Food Shelf, Enfield Loaves & Fishes and the Enfield Harbor Warming right here in our own town received funding from the Appeal's Vicariate Outreach Program which serves our local neighbors. 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

Father Villa would like to wish a Happy Mother's Day to all of our wonderful Mothers!





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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