

Saint Martha Parish

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May 15, 2022

The Fifth 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:

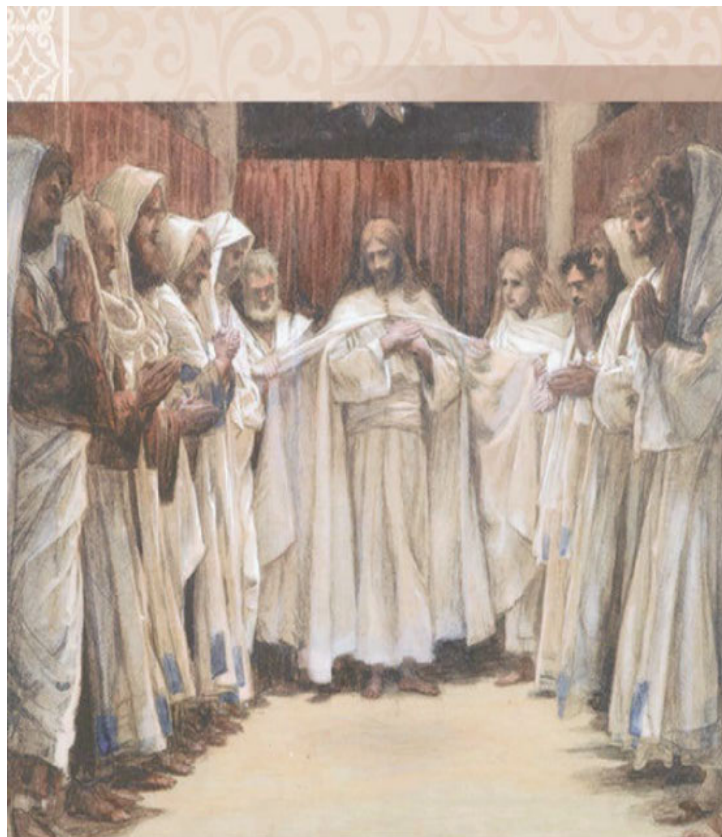
Contact the rectory at least six months in advance.

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



5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." - Jn 13:34



Mass Intentions

May 14th/May 15th

SAT/SUN 4:00 PM r/s Gerard & Francis Ayotte, r/b Gayle Snow

SPANISH 5:30 PM r/s Parish Intentions

9:00 AM r/s Ann-Marie Wellspeak Birthday Remembrance, r/b her sister

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

MONDAY: 8:30 AM Intentions of Tom Connor, r/b the morning Mass group

TUESDAY: 8:30 AM r/s Michael Peter Brown, r/b the family

WED.: 8:30 AM The Souls in Purgatory

7:00 PM TLM r/s Douglas Horak, r/b Ellen Brassil

THURSDAY: 8:30 AM The Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY: 9:00 TLM r/s Diane Normandin, r/b SMP

MASSES SCHEDULED FOR: May 21st/ May 22nd

4:00 PM r/s Don Guillergult

5:30 PM r/s Parish Intentions

9:00 AM r/s Antoni Rosato Birthday Remembrance

11:00 AM r/s Intentions of Beato Bailey Birthday Blessings

Thank you


The May 8th Collection was \$ 5359.00
 Online Giving for April was \$4290.00
 The Online Giving fees were \$163.05
 Next weekend's second collection is the Utility collection

5th Sunday of Easter


“It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the Kingdom of God.” Many folks really work very hard to circumvent difficult situations. We prefer the easier way around something, rather than risk inconvenience, hurt or prolonged suffering. It’s no wonder euthanasia is rapidly becoming acceptable around the world. Through purely human eyes, there is no issue bypassing the inevitable, taking control and bringing things more swiftly to a place of peace. If this is the way God sees things, then why does Jesus make such a big deal helping us understand the experience of suffering and embrace it? God’s wisdom clearly takes us in another direction.

Imagine if we were able to eradicate ALL hardship and suffering. Where would we be? As we look at our own journeys, many of our solid more growth producing life lessons have been born of suffering, disappointment, inconvenience, darkness, and despair. There is something sacred about all of these experiences as God uses them to create something new. Envisioning a life without hardship and suffering brings us to a vision where everything is flat-lined and dull. As much as hardship and suffering are difficult crosses to bear, not taking them up runs the risk of us becoming shallow, empty, and lifeless. Helen Keller remarks that, “a happy life consists not in the absence but in the mastery of hardships.” What an incredibly wise insight! Many really successful people and saints were brought to their station in life because they suffered. Suffering teaches us about what’s important and propels us to search the depths of our souls for resources and strength we never would have known before.

This is especially true when we love as Jesus asks us to love. Love, perhaps above any other experience, can cause us great hardship, pain, and suffering especially when it’s authentic and unconditional. While it can thrust us into an incredible experience of God and life on one hand, it can bruise and wound us deeply on the other. Mastering the art of love is the secret to living life well, walking in the presence of God and investing in the joy of the Gospel. Love and suffering walk hand in hand. Compromising one will compromise the other. Maybe that’s why Jesus spent so much time convincing us to accept both. ©LPi




SANCTUARY LAMP
 r/s Judith Torratore
 r/b her husband Tom



For the Repose of the Soul of :
Michael Peter Brown
Carole LeClerk
Roland Fenton
Margret Cotton

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



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!

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.

The MASS BOOK for the second half of 2022 will open to schedule Masses through December on Tuesday May 17th Please call the Parish Office
*Tuesday thru Friday
9:30AM till 4:30PM.*
Thank you.

From Fr. John Golas,

I want to inform you of the new Mass Schedule that will go into effect July 1, 2022. This schedule is based on the view that the parish has two full time Priests assigned to it. There are changes including a decreasing number of Masses that will be offered. Four of the churches will be used for Masses as the merger process begins, with Fr. Villa saying the Masses at St. Martha Church. I hope we keep in sight the good of the parish as a whole and the needs of the Catholic community of Enfield. Fr. Mathew and I will do our best to serve the pastoral needs of our community. We will need your cooperation and understanding. Working together with God's help, we can be the Spirit filled and faith filled community like the ones we have been hearing about in our readings from Acts in this Easter season. May God Bless.

2022 NEW MASS SCHEDULE EFFECTIVE JULY 1ST

Holy Family Church

- Thursday 9:00 AM
- Friday 9:00 AM
- Saturday 9:00AM
- Saturday 4:30 PM
- Sunday 9:00 AM
- Sunday 11:30 AM

St. Bernard Church

- Monday 9:00 AM
- Tuesday 9:00 AM
- Wednesday 9:00 AM
- Sunday 7:30 AM
- Sunday 10:30 AM

St. Martha Church

- Monday 8:00 AM
- Tuesday 8:00 AM
- Wednesday 8:00 AM
- Wednesday 7:00 PM (TLM)
- 1st Saturday 9:00 AM (TLM)
- Saturday 4:00 pm (Spanish)
- Sunday 9:00 AM
- Sunday 11:00 AM (TLM)

St. Patrick Church

- Thursday 8:00 AM
- Friday 8:00 AM
- Saturday 4:00 PM
- Sunday 8:00 AM
- Sunday 10:00 AM

St. Adalbert Church

There are no Masses scheduled

Saturday Confession Schedule

- Holy Family: 3:30 PM – 4:00 PM
- St. Martha: 2:30 PM – 3:30 PM
- St. Patrick: 3:00 PM – 3:30 PM

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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 15, 2022

**Please join us to celebrate
Father Villa's 20th Anniver-
sary of his Ordination to
the Priesthood!**



**June 18th
6:30 pm
In Goulet Hall
Dinner will be served**

We are looking for volunteer who would be willing to help set up and clean up. If you are willing to help, please contact Lori Kedzior 860-745-5616.

If you and your family plan on attending, please complete the form below:

**20th Anniversary of Father Villa's
Ordination to the Priesthood.**

Family Name _____
Number of people _____
Phone number _____

PLEASE R.S.V.P by June 1st

**Your response forms may be placed in
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the Parish Office.**

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