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CELEBRATIONS OF THE SACRAMENTS

The Holy Eucharist

Daily Masses:

Monday – Thursday ~ 9:00 am

Weekend Masses:

Saturday Vigil ~ 4:00 pm

Sundays – 8:30 am, 11:00 am

(5:00 pm September - May)

Confessions:

Saturday 3:00 – 3:40 pm (or by appointment)

Rosary:

8:35 am (before each daily Mass)

Holy Day Schedule:

6:00 Vigil Mass on the Eve of the Holy Day

9:00 am & 6:00 pm on the Day of the Holy Day

Divine Mercy Prayer Group

Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet Tuesdays 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Baptisms:

The 2nd Sunday of each month @ 12:30 pm

Baptism Instruction:

On the Wed. before the 2nd Sunday @ 6:00 pm

Marriage:

Call the pastor to book your wedding at least 6 months in advance.

(No weddings will be booked over the phone or by the parents of the bride or groom.)

RCIA:

These adult class sessions are for those who wish to convert to Catholicism, for those who have never been baptized and wish to become Catholic or for any Catholic adult who missed the Sacraments of Eucharist & Confirmation. The Sacraments of Initiation will be conferred at the Easter Vigil, 2019.



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~Mass Intentions~

Saturday, December 5, 2020

4:00 pm ~

Sunday, December 6, 2020
2nd Sunday of Advent

- 8:30 am ~ Carol Ward +Memorial Mass
- 11:00 am ~ Joseph DeCastro +Month's Mind
- Joao Santos Lopes +3rd Anniversary
- Francisco & Carlota Lopes +Memorial Mass
- 5:00 pm ~ Marie Bernadette Bizier +Month's Mind

Monday, December 7, 2020

St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

- 9:00 am ~ Isabel Gibau +Memorial Mass

Tuesday, December 8, 2020

The Immaculate Conception of the BVM

- 9:00 am ~ Ernie Branco +Memorial Mass
- Benvinda Fernandes +1st Anniversary

Wednesday, December 9, 2020

- 9:00 am ~ John Jr & Caroline Marshall +9th Anniversary

Thursday, December 10, 2020

- 9:00 am ~ Filomena Abbatomarco +Memorial Mass

Friday, December 11, 2020

Saturday, November 12, 2020

Our Lady of Guadalupe

- 4:00 pm ~ Kevin Robinson +Memorial Mass

Sunday, November 13, 2020

3rd Sunday of Advent

- 8:30 am ~
- 11:00 am ~ Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Amaral, Elizabeth Roderick & Richard Gaffney +Christmas Remembrance
- John & Pedro Lopes, Laura Andrade +Memorial Mass

5:00 pm ~



Sanctuary Lamp and
Altar Breads
are in memory of
Diane Lozy

A limited number of new Missalettes for Cycle B are available for you to take home and bring with you to church each week to follow along with the readings and other prayers. Please do

~ Youth & Adult Religious Education ~

All in-classroom classes have been suspended until after the New Year due to the rapid spread of the Corona Virus.

Parents/Guardians are asked to continue to oversee the home schooling lessons. This includes Confirmation and 1st Communion students . Please refer to the Rel. Ed. section of our parish website for guidance.

***Confirmation class news:
All candidates for Confirmation should have submitted their sponsor certificates by now.
They were due October 25**

Prayer Cards and Missalettes

Many parishioners miss the Prayer Cards that used to be in the pews. Some are not good at remembering the longer prayers for Mass like the Gloria and Creed and relied on the cards as a guide. Some have asked to make a copy of them to keep in their purse or pocket. Good idea!! We have made copies and they are available in the vestibule. Please remember not to leave them behind.

Some miss following along with the readings and the psalm at Mass. Anyone who would like their own personal book to bring with them to Mass and then take home again is welcome to take one. (The plastic covers have been removed.) The rule has been to use nothing in common. But, there is no rule about bringing your own book from home. If you care to make a donation for a missalette, we welcome and appreciate it.



~ Cub Scout News ~

Pack 5 - E.P. Cub Scouts

Cub Scouts meet on Wednesday evenings in St. Martha's church hall at 6:00 pm. Come join or to learn more about scouting, contact Erin Bielecki at 508-243-0132.



Many of the Knights of Columbus have joined in parish organizations to help our parish. One of these is the Outreach Program. We welcome you and thank you.



~ Knights of Columbus News ~

Holy Hour



The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a monthly

Holy Hour at St. Martha's.

A Holy Hour consists of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Scriptural Rosary, Adoration, and Benediction.

The next Holy Hour will take place on December 20 from 6:30 pm until 7:30 pm. Holy Hours will take place every third Monday of the month.

Christmas Poster Contest

The Knights of Columbus is holding a Christmas Poster Contest. School children draw/color/paint a poster of what "Keep Christ In Christmas" means to them. The poster must be on 11" x 17" paper and include the child's name, age, and church. This will be a fun event to get the kids engaged in the true meaning of Christmas. Posters are judged in age groups from across the state and winners are chosen.



~ Hey Father! ~



"What do kids say about angels?"

Since you've asked, I'll share with you what some kids from St. Kevin's School back in 2008 had to say about angels. "Angels love God most but they also love music. Angels are God's messengers. They watch over us and help us all the time. Angels watch me when I'm playing the piano. They can fly! Angels can even go on the slide with you at the playground. Angels like kids best. They want you to pray to God and are his helpers. Angels are beside you and watch you 24/7. They protect, guide and guard you. When a bell rings an angel gets its wings!" So you can see that it is evident that the children have been learning many true and wonderful things about angels. Some have learned things about angels with the help of Hollywood. I think a few of them have watched "It's a Wonder Life" a few times! But I think some students may have had some extra help from other outside sources not quite approved by the Magisterium of the Church. I'll have to look into how theologically correct it is to say, "Angels can do karate". In case they can, we had all better watch out! Another student informs us that "you need to give your guardian angel some space!" Good advice! Don't crowd your guardian angel, give'm some room! One student was quite poetic in his answer. He writes: "When you have a broken leg an angel will carry you. When you are sick an angel will help you feel better. When you are sad an angel will make you happy. When Santa comes on Christmas, an angel will say "hi" to him. An angel loves Jesus."

Let's all take our cues from the kids, be an angel and love Jesus. Here is a picture drawn by a boy and his guardian angel watching over him while he plays basketball.



~ Parish Financial Life ~

November 22 - Offerings
Weekly \$3165.63
Debt Reduction \$285.00

The Annual Collection
To date we have collected
\$14,975

We thank all those who gave to this collection. It is a much needed help to the parish

>Please remember to continue to support the parish during these troubled times. You may also put your envelopes in the mail slot or send them in the mail.

>We thank all those who have remembered to keep up with their weekly offerings. They help us to keep going with the daily operations of the parish. We also encourage everyone to try to make up for what they missed over the past few months.

>The Annual Collection continues. We rely very heavily on this collection to see us through the year especially as we have had to cut back on supplemental fund raisers since March. Please help us make our goal.

Electronic Funds Transfer

It is convenient, secure and easy to use. *Faith Direct* will provide you an offertory card to place in the basket during the collections. There is no cost to you, and the program provides a great benefit to our parish. Sign up by visiting the website at www.faithdirect.net; parish code **RI564**.



~Parish Spiritual Life~

Divine Mercy Prayer Group

Members of the Eucharistic Apostles of Divine Mercy, which is open to anyone, meets every Tuesday at 3:00 pm (newly added time) and 6:30 pm for prayer and reflection. They also pray for the intentions that are written in the prayer intention book in the vestibule. Why not join the prayer group?

Daily Rosary before daily Mass



~Readings for the Week~

Daily Readings **2nd Week of Advent**

Monday, December 7
Isaiah 35:1-10
Psalm 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14
Luke 5:17-26

Tuesday, December 8
Genesis 3:9-15, 20
Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4
Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12
Luke 1:26-38

Wednesday, December 9
Isaiah 40:25-31
Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10
Matthew 11:28-30

Thursday, December 10
Isaiah 41:13-20
Psalms 145:1, 9, 10-11, 12-13
Matthew 11:11-15

Friday, December 11
Isaiah 48:17-19
Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6
Matthew 11:16-19

Saturday, December 12
Zechariah 2:14-17
Judith 13:18bcde, 19
Luke 1:26-38 or Luke 1:39-47

For easy access to the daily readings and reflections on those readings go to:

~ Parish Outreach ~



ST. MARTHA'S OUTREACH

Our Next Meeting

Monday, December 14, 6:30



Please continue to bring in Canned Fruit, Canned or Bottled Juice, Coffee, Tea, Dry Milk, Dry Cereal, Pancake or Muffin Mix, Flour, Cake Mix, Sugar, Maple Syrup, Frosting, Cooking Oils, Crackers, Cookies, Soups, Canned Meats, Tuna Fish, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Ketchup, Mayonnaise, Canned Pastas, Canned Vegetables

We can once again accept pasta + pasta sauce

Thanks to all who donated for Thanksgiving
Christmas Gift Cards for Kids

Once again this year, as we enter into the Advent Season, we will be accepting gift cards to be given to needy families so that they can do their Christmas shopping for the kids. Parents know what their children want and need. This is more practical than a collection of random toys. Drop the cards in a well labeled envelope in the collection.

Christmas Woolen Tree

The Woolen Tree will be located in the vestibule during Advent to take your donations of knitted or woolen gloves, hats, mittens, scarves & warm socks to be given to the homeless to help keep them warm this coming winter season. Please hang your donations on the bare tree. Let's cover the tree this year!



Reminders

*We remind all parishioners that the bishop has still given dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on the weekend.

*Under no circumstances may anyone who has symptoms of any illness attend the public Mass.

*All attendees must always keep a distance of at least 6 feet between themselves and others. (This does not apply to members of the same household.)

*The wearing of face masks is still a must for all those attending Mass or parish function.

*There are no longer collections being taken up by the passing of the basket. Please place your offerings in the old "poor box" which is located at the end of the middle aisle.

*While coming up for Holy Communion remember to keep your distance from the person in front.

***There will be no receiving Communion on the tongue until further notice.**

***Please keep your nose and mouth covered by your mask while communion is placed in your hand. Then, step aside and pull down or lift your mask & consume the host.**

~ “A word from the Word” ~

2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Cycle B

Mark 1:1-8

The word from the Word is “prepare.” Webster’s Dictionary defines the word as a transitive verb. It means “to make ready beforehand for some purpose, use, or activity.” It can also refer to the action of “putting someone in a proper state of mind.” Another definition is the action of “working out the details of something such in advance or to plan something.” Other definitions include “to put together or to put into written form.” All these definitions help us to understand this passage from Mark. It reports that “John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.” (Mark 1:4) Mark does not begin his gospel with any stories of Jesus’ birth and childhood. The first chapter of his gospel is called “The Preparation for the Public Ministry of Jesus.” We are introduced to Jesus right away as an adult who is ready to preach, teach and heal. He is beginning His public ministry and it is the mission and task of John the Baptist to make people aware of who is coming to them. He tells people to “prepare” the way of the Lord through repentance and the forgiveness of sins. This coincides perfectly with the purpose of the season of Advent. It makes us mindful to expect the return of the Lord at His Second Coming. Looking back at Webster’s definition of the word “prepare,” all the nuances apply to John’s work. John wishes to “prepare” the people to receive and welcome Jesus by asking them to repent of their sins. The whole theme of Advent is for us to “prepare” the way of the Lord into our hearts. While the season of Advent is not strictly a season of penance as Lent is, it is not a bad idea to get to confession some time before Christmas. As many are preparing their homes for Christmas, we must also “prepare” our hearts to welcome Jesus. Again, the definition “putting someone in a proper state of mind” applies perfectly. For John it was to put the people in the proper state of mind and to be aware that the long-expected Messiah was among them already.



~ Pro-Life News ~



These are the cute little feet of a child who cannot yet stand on them for his/herself. Look at these feet and resolve that we will stand up for those who can't. Respect Life!!



Meetings Scheduled ~

Parish Event Planning
Committee Meeting
TBA

St. Martha's Outreach Program
Monday, December 14, 6:30 pm

Parish Finance Council Meeting
Tuesday, January 12, 6:30 pm

~Parish Website & Office Hours~

Please visit our parish website and make it your homepage for easy access, reference and information about all that is happening at St. Martha's including times for Masses, Sacramental Preparation and important and exciting upcoming events. Visit us at...

stmarthaschurchepri.org

Parish office is now open

Monday: 9:30 am - 2:00 pm
Tuesday - Thursday: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
Closed for Lunch 12:00 pm - 12:30 pm
Closed on Friday, Saturday and Sunday

~ Great Fundraiser! ~

Enjoy a delicious meal at Davenport's in East Providence and help St. Martha's at the same time.

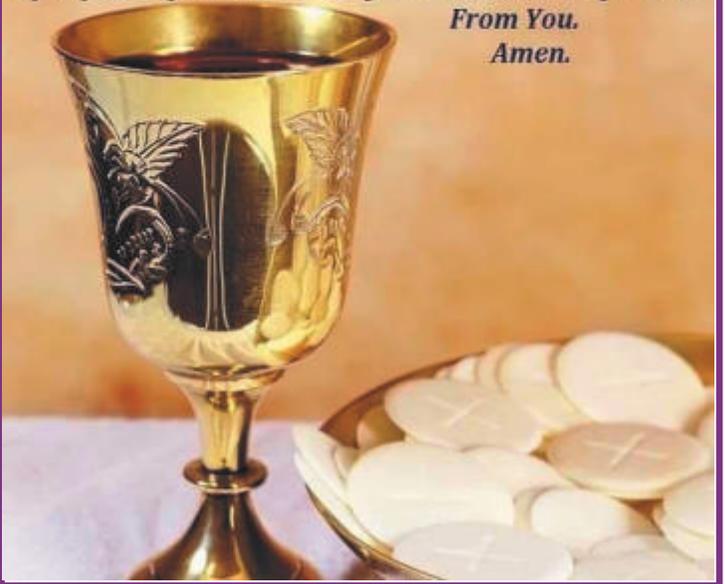


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Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as If You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated From You. Amen.



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