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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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JANUARY 17, 2021

2ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

~Mass Intentions~

Saturday, January 16, 2021

4:00 pm ~ Daly & Laferriere Families +Memorial Mass

Sunday, January 17, 2021

Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:30 am ~ Eugene Fogarty +Memorial Mass

11:00 am ~ Gerald & Betty Roderick +Memorial Mass

Helen Norman +Memorial Mass

Keith Auber +Month's Mind

5:00 pm ~

Monday, January 18, 2021

9:00 am ~ George Langevin +Month's Mind

Tuesday, January 19, 2021

9:00 am ~ James Dutra +Memorial Mass

Wednesday, January 20, 2021

9:00 am ~

Thursday, January 21, 2021

St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr

9:00 am ~ Mary D. Silva +Birthday Remembrance

Friday, January 22, 2021

*Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection
of Unborn Children*

Saturday, January 23, 2021

4:00 pm ~

Sunday, January 24, 2021

Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:30 am ~ Zulmira Couto +Birthday Remembrance

11:00 am ~ Anthony Mattera +3rd Anniversary

5:00 pm ~



~ Youth & Adult Religious Education ~

All in-classroom classes have been suspended until further notice due to the rapid spread of the Corona Virus.

We are monitoring the virus closely now that we have entered a new year. As of December 29, Dr. Anthony Fauci has said the virus is "out of control". This and the number of victims is constantly rising. No decision will be made to restart in-classroom learning until the numbers go down and the vaccines go up. Students should continue to keep up with classes which are posted on our website.

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**

***Anyone interested in becoming Catholic or needs to make a sacrament they missed, please see Fr. Green. We are starting an RCIA soon.**

I am with you

and will watch over you
wherever you go.

Genesis 28:15





~ 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.



~ 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 **January 18** 6:30 pm until 7:30 pm. Holy Hours will take place every third Monday of the month.

E.P. KofC Council #1528

Lenten Food Drive

Food Items to be donated to St. Martha's Church Food Pantry

February 17th Through March 31st

Please bring donations to the collection box to the EP Council 158 Hall or

On March 27th (11am to 2pm) drive in donations being taken at St. Martha Church parking lot.

~ Hey Father! ~



Have you ever heard of the NBC program "Baby Borrowers" and if you did what do you think of it?

When I saw the "coming attractions" of the series back in 2008 I made it a point to watch every episode. After the first episode, I encouraged several teens in my parish to watch the show. While I did not care for some of the language the teens on the program were using and the sleeping arrangements, I thought the whole concept of allowing the teens to experience the responsibility of caring for the children which they may bring into the world by expressing their love before they think with their heads and not just with their biological desires was excellent. It spoke volumes to the teens who were part of the experiment and, at the same time, to those who watched at home. Hopefully, it was a lesson to any teen who can't wait to have a baby or who might erroneously think that having a baby will solidify a shaky relationship. It spoke loudly about commitment and responsibility, not only the commitment and responsibility which the partners must have toward each other but also the responsibility and commitment they must have toward the children they bring into this world together. It is only my hope that this NBC program has been allowed to be seen by many American teens to see and witness what the show's teen couple's experienced and learned just what goes into true, hardcore, and "real" sacramental love and marriage. I thought it was an excellent, interesting and informative program. I do believe that NBC has not only provided just another entertaining reality show but a valuable lesson about responsibility, commitment, maturity, selflessness and true love which are very important ingredients to marriage and parenting. I congratulate NBC for a job well done. Even though the show was not based on Christian morality it did demonstrate how most teens are not ready to be parents before they know themselves, know their partners and attain some degree of maturity. Teen couples need to know the true meaning of total consent to one another before they form a family. Should this series be aired again, or should they create a second season I recommend families with teens to watch it together and to discuss each episode. At a time when there are more channels than ever to watch and little to no value to most their shows, this was a good one.

Fr. Green

~ Parish Financial Life ~

January 10 Offerings
Weekly \$2727.25
Energy & Fuel \$372.50
The Annual Collection
To date we have collected
\$18,675

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**.

WHAT IS EFT?

An EFT (electronic funds transfer) moves money from one account to another electronically.



~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 Christmas Season Weekdays

Monday, January 18

Hebrews 5:1-10
Psalm 110:1, 2, 3, 4
Mark 2:18-22

Tuesday, January 19

Hebrews 2:5-12
Psalm 8:2, 5, 6-7, 8-9
Mark 1:21-28

Wednesday, January 20

Hebrews 2:14-18
Psalms 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9
Mark 1:29-39

Thursday, January 21

Hebrews 7:25—8:6
Psalm 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17
Mark 3:7-12

Friday, January 22

Hebrews 8:6-13
Psalm 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14
Mark 3:13-19

Saturday, January 23

Hebrews 9:2-3, 11-14
Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9
Mark 3:20-21

For easy access to the daily readings and reflections on those readings go to:
<https://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/daily.html>

~ Parish Outreach ~



ST. MARTHA'S OUTREACH

Our Next Meeting Monday, January 11, 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, May-
onnaise, Canned Pastas, Canned
Vegetables

*We can once again accept pasta +
pasta sauce*

Adopt a Poinsettia

Once again this year the
poinsettias

which helped decorate our church
for Christmas may be adopted
and taken home by parishioners .



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 .**

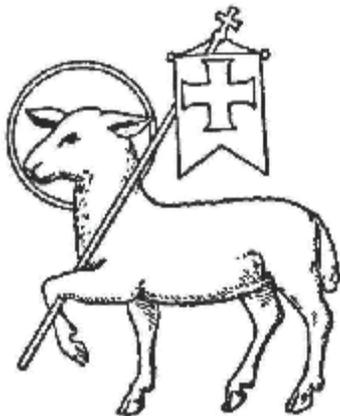
~ "A word from the Word" ~

2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Cycle B

John 1:35-42

The word from the Word is "lamb." This is what John says of Jesus as he catches sight of him with a few of his disciples able to hear him all Jesus "the Lamb of God." John knows quite a bit about Jesus and thus calls Him the "Lamb." Why would John give this title to Jesus? Animal sacrifices are found all throughout the books in the Old Testament. The blood of these animals (especially a lamb) was shed and offered to God. These blood offerings acted as a temporary covering for sin. In Leviticus 4:35, is a clear picture of the process and the purpose of making this blood offering. "...Through this process, the priest will purify the people from their sin, making them right with the Lord, and they will be forgiven." So, the purpose of animal sacrifice and offerings was sanctification, righteousness (or right standing with God), and forgiveness. Hebrews 9:22 also sheds some light on the importance of the blood offering, saying, In fact, according to the law of Moses, nearly everything was purified with blood. For without the shedding of blood, there is no forgiveness. In summary, this was life under the law: the people knew if sin was present, a sacrifice was necessary for redemption. These various sacrificial practices in Jewish culture often involved lambs; this animal had a particularly important place in the religion. Lambs are known for their white coats, and white is a symbol of purity and cleanliness. Now we begin to see how and why Jesus was called the Lamb of God by John. He, too, was stainless, perfect, and free of sin. He was perfectly pure. And just like the lambs were sacrificed for sin, so would Christ be sacrificed. By shedding His blood upon the cross, Jesus is God's lamb being offered for the forgiveness of our sins. It was no ordinary lamb or goat that would be offered up in sacrifice to God. It would be God's own lamb, His only Son. By giving Jesus this title John already understands Jesus mission in this world. Jesus would offer Himself as the perfect Lamb that sins may be permanently forgiven by God. At Mass, just before the distribution of Holy Communion, the priest holds up the host and chalice and proclaims, "Behold the Lamb of God. Behold Him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb." The Lord has been sacrificed at the altar and we participate in the memorial of His death and resurrection for the forgiveness of our sins. Jesus is indeed the "Lamb" of God.



~ Pro-Life News ~

The lives of our children are literally in our hands. It is unconscionable to think this dad would choose to throw his child into the air with no intention of catching him. Abortion is the same thing.

Let's Respect Life!!



Meetings Scheduled ~

Parish Event Planning
Committee Meeting
TBA

St. Martha's Outreach Program
Monday, January 11, 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.

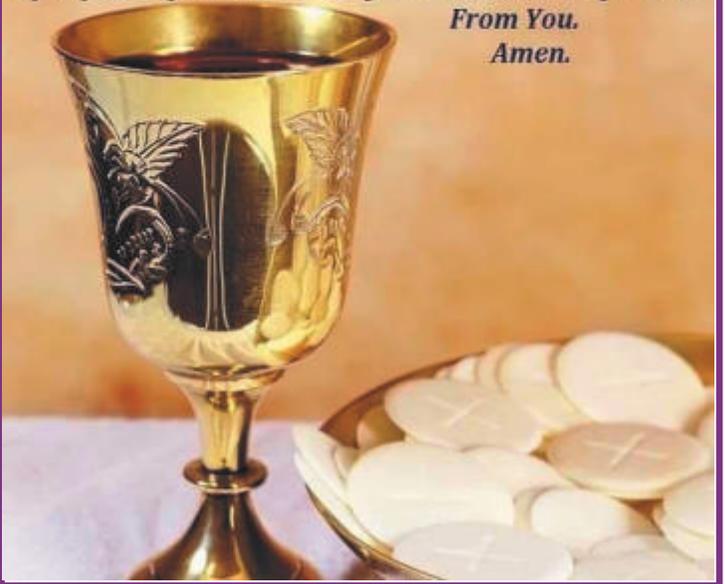


Present this coupon to your server at Lunch or Dinner, Monday thru Thursday, and Davenports will contribute 15% of your total bill to St. Martha's Church.

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Spiritual Communion

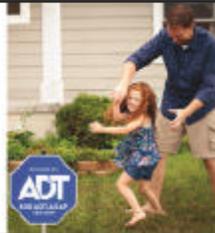
My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as If You were already there and unite myself wholly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



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