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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, January 23, 2021

4:00 pm ~ Helen E. Jackman +Memorial Mass
 Patricia E. Jackman +Memorial Mass
 Arminda Santos +Memorial Mass

Sunday, January 24, 2021

Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:30 am ~ Zulmira Couto +Birthday Remembrance
 Helen E. Jackman +Memorial Mass
 Patricia E. Jackman +Memorial Mass
 11:00 am ~ Anthony Mattera +3rd Anniversary

5:00 pm ~

Monday, January 25, 2021

Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle

9:00 am ~ D'Ascoli & McMahon Family +Memorial Mass
 Patrick Toomey +Memorial Mass

Tuesday, January 26, 2021

Ss. Timothy and Titus, Bishops

9:00 am ~ James Dutra +Memorial Mass

Wednesday, January 27, 2021

9:00 am ~ Joseph L. Lacross +3rd Anniversary

Thursday, January 28, 2021

St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor of the Church

9:00 am ~ Jack Condinho +Birthday Remembrance
 Jerry Medeiros +Memorial Mass
 Richard Jason +Memorial Mass

Friday, January 29, 2021

Saturday, January 30, 2021

4:00 pm ~

Sunday, January 17, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:30 am ~
 11:00 am ~
 5:00 pm ~



**Sanctuary Lamp and
 Altar Breads
 In Memory of
 Helen E. Jackman
 Patricia E. Jackman**

*In loving
 Memory*

~ 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.**



~ 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.



~ 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.



~ 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 **February 15** 6:30 pm until 7:30 pm. Holy Hours will take place every third Monday of the month.

E.P. K of C 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 at the EP Council 1528 Hall or
On March 27th (11am to 2pm)
drive in donations being taken at St. Martha Church parking lot.

~ Parish Financial Life ~

January 17 Offerings

Weekly \$2696.00

Catholic University \$278.18

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 Ordinary Time

Monday, January 25

Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22
Psalm 117:1BC, 2
Mark 16:15-18

Tuesday, January 26

2 Timothy 1:1-8
Psalm 96:1-3, 7-8A, 10
Mark 3:31-35

Wednesday, January 27

Hebrews 10:11-18
Psalm 110:1, 2, 3, 4
Mark 4:1-20

Thursday, January 28

Hebrews 10:19-25
Psalm 24:1-6
Mark 4:21-25

Friday, January 29

Hebrews 10:32-39
Psalm 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40
Mark 4:26-34

Saturday, January 30

Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19
Luke 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75
Mark 4:35-41

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, TBA , 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

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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" ~

3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time
Cycle B **Mark 1:14-20**

The word from the Word is "fulfillment." As it is written and used in this passage, "fulfillment" is a noun, a thing. Jesus announces that His presence and coming on to the religious scene after His baptism is the achievement of something desired, promised, and predicted. What has been desired by the people, promised by God, and predicted by the prophets is the coming of the Messiah. Jesus is indeed the Messiah and by the fact that people were hearing His words, the desire, promise and prediction has been achieved in Him. The word "fulfillment" suggests that God's plan for the salvation of the world has been initiated. Jesus has come into the world. We are not talking about His nativity as a baby at Christmas which we have just recently celebrated. Jesus has begun His ministry among the people preaching the gospel as an adult. The gospels have told us that Jesus often went to the synagogue on the Sabbath. He would often read from the Scriptures to the people much like our modern-day lectors do at Mass. As Jesus began His ministry, we are told that the scroll of the Prophet Isaiah was handed to Him. He found where it was written of what the work of the Messiah would be. Isaiah 61 says, "The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; etc." When Jesus finished reading what Isaiah had predicted about the Messiah He concluded, "today this scripture passage has been fulfilled in your hearing." What He was saying to the people who heard Him reading from the scroll of the Prophet Isaiah was that He is the Messiah. The salvation events centered in Jesus Christ were "fulfillments" of Scripture. This concept of Jesus being the "fulfillment" of what was predicted in the Old Testament is especially important and prominent in the earliest days of the Church. This was so important to the early Church that the whole concept of Jesus "fulfilling" the Old Testament predictions is written into the official statement of our faith, the Nicene Creed. The Creed states: "For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. As Jesus begins His ministry, He is introducing Himself to everyone who would listen to Him as the "fulfillment." He, the Messiah, was beginning His mission. Shortly after announcing the "fulfillment" of Scripture Jesus begins to gather disciples by calling them directly to follow Him. They must have believed His word that He was the "fulfillment" of what the peoples desired, what God had promised and what the prophets had predicted. In fact, so convinced were they of Jesus' words, they left everything to follow Him.



~ Pro-Life News ~

We go through great lengths to child proof our homes. We have thought of clever ways to prevent our children from getting ahold of anything that would harm them. No one would deliberately give a child access to chemicals, pesticides and poisons. It is unconscionable. Yet, abortion is the law of the land. Let's Respect Life!!



Meetings Scheduled ~

Parish Event Planning
Committee Meeting
TBA

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

Parish Finance Council Meeting
Tuesday, March 9, 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.

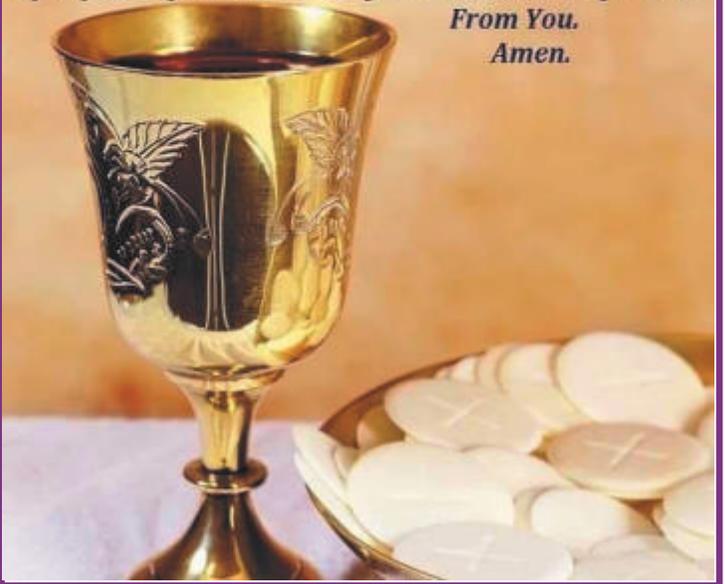


Present this coupon to your server at Lunch or Dinner, Monday thru Thursday, and Davenports will contribute 15% of your total bill to St. Martha's Church.

Davenport's Restaurant
1925 Pawtucket Ave
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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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