

St. Martha's Church

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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, March 6, 2021

4:00 pm ~ John Marshal, Sr. +17th Anniversary
Patricia E. & Helen E. Jackman +Memorial

Sunday, March 7, 2021

Third Sunday of Lent

8:30 am ~ Edmund Ferria +Memorial Mass
Patricia E. & Helen E. Jackman +Memorial

11:00 am ~

5:00 pm ~ Carmelite Sisters of Valparaiso

Monday, March 8, 2021

9:00 am ~ Anthony Carnevale +16th Anniversary

Tuesday, March 9, 2021

9:00 am ~ Jean McGarry +Memorial Mass
Pasquale & Martha Checchia +Memorial Mass

Wednesday, March 10, 2021

9:00 am ~ Jose & Emily DaRosa & Family +Memorial Mass

Thursday, March 11, 2021

9:00 am ~

Friday, March 12, 2021

Saturday, March 13, 2021

4:00 pm ~

Sunday, March 14, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:30 am ~ Carol Vincent +Memorial Mass
Jack Condinho +2nd Anniversary

11:00 am ~ Gerald & Betty Roderick +Memorial Mass
Helen Norman +Memorial Mass
Alda Xavier +1st Anniversary

5:00 pm ~



Sanctuary Lamp and
Altar Breads
are in memory of
Patricia E. Jackman
Helen E. Jackman

Lent at St. Martha's

Stations of the Cross

Wednesday Evenings during Lent at 6:30 pm

Evenings of Penance

*Individual Confessions will be heard on the following
dates from 7:00 pm - 7:30 pm.*

Stop in at any time during this half hour.

Monday, March 8

Monday, March 15 Monday, March 22

Monday, March 29

~ Youth & Adult Religious Education ~

All in-classroom classes have been suspended for the rest of the school year due to the continued spread of the Corona Virus and the fact that there are only 8 classes left to the last class.

This does not mean that the First Communion and Confirmations will not take place this year. Because of the special circumstances of this year we will be scheduling these Masses in the spring.

Parents/Guardians are asked to continue to oversee the home schooling lessons. Students should continue to keep up with classes which are posted on our website. 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 cannot meet in person. Go to the parish website and study the lessons put there for 8th graders.

**CATHOLIC SCHOOL
TUITION AID**

Tuition Aid applications for the 2021 -2022 school year can be found on the parish website.



~ 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 **March 15** 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 at the EP Council 1528 Hall or
On March 27th (11am to 2pm) drive in donations being taken at St. Martha Church parking lot.

~ Hey Father! ~



What are the guidelines for Lent this year.

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PROVIDENCE 2021 GUIDELINES FOR LENT

Lenten Fast and Abstinence Regulations.

As Lent approaches on Ash Wednesday (February 17), all pastors are asked to please make their parishioners aware of the following Lenten Regulations: Abstinence from meat on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent (for those 14 and older) is required by Church law. Also, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting: those between the ages of 18 and 59 should eat less, meaning, take no solid food between meals and only one full meal that day. Serious health conditions excuse a person from these precepts. Pastors and parents are encouraged by the law of the Church to ensure that minors who are not bound by the law of fast and abstinence are educated nonetheless in an authentic sense of penance. Following the implementation of the revised Code of Canon Law on November 27, 1983, the National Conference of Catholic Bishops in the United States determined that the rules of fast and abstinence which have existed for the last several years in this country be maintained. Namely, that the faithful observe suitable penitential practices on all Fridays throughout the year. These penitential practices need not include abstaining from meat. However, as indicated above, the faithful must not eat meat on all the Fridays of Lent as well as on Ash Wednesday. They must also observe faithfully the fast regulations as they have been stated above in accord with the universal law of the Church (Cf. Code of Canon Law, Canons 1250-1252).



~ Parish Financial Life ~

February 28 Offerings
Weekly \$3206.00
Snow Removal \$333.63
The Annual Collection
To date we have collected
over \$21,295

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

Join our friendly, prayerful group for an hour each Tuesday afternoon at 3:00 pm and/or 6:30 pm. Together we pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and the rosary at each gathering. Come pray for your personal intentions or the intentions of others. There is great power in prayer. Come join us. All are welcome.



Daily Rosary before daily Mass

Parishioners join daily in the recitation of the Rosary before weekday Masses.



~Readings for the Week~

Daily Readings **3rd Week of Lent**

Monday, March 8

2 Kings 5:1-15ab
Psalm 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4
Luke 4:24-30

Tuesday, March 9

Daniel 3:25, 34-43
Psalm 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9
Matthew 18:21-35

Wednesday, March 10

Isaiah 1:10, 16-20
Psalms 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23
Matthew 23:1-12

Thursday, March 11

Jeremiah 7:23-28
Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9
Luke 11:14-23

Friday, March 12

Hosea 14:2-10
Psalm 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17
Mark 12:28-34

Saturday, March 13

Hosea 6:1-6
Psalm 51:3-4, 18-21
Luke 18:9-14

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, March 8 , 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*

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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 while communion is placed in your hand. Then, step aside and pull down or lift up your mask & consume the host .**

3rd Sunday of Lent

Cycle B

Jn 2:13-25

Today's word from the Word is "temple". According to the Online Etymology Dictionary the word "temple" applies to a "building for worship, edifice dedicated to the service of a deity or deities." It stems from the Old English *tempel* which stemmed from the Latin word "*templum*" which referred to a "piece of ground consecrated for the taking of auspices, building for worship of a god." The root of the word is *tem* which means "to cut," in the sense of a "place reserved or cut out. It also carries the notion of "cleared (measured) space in front of an altar". The Old English stem "*temp*" referred to "any place regarded as occupied by divine presence". The use of the word by John in his gospel refers to the temple in Jerusalem. According to the Book of Deuteronomy, as the sole place of Israelite sacrifice (Deuteronomy 12:2-27), the Temple replaced the Tabernacle constructed in the Sinai Desert under the auspices of Moses, as well as local sanctuaries, and altars in the hills. The feast of Passover was approaching, and Jesus and disciples desired to celebrate it in the holy city of Jerusalem, the center of the Jewish faith. Once there, Jesus visited the temple and what he found there disturbed him. With all the selling and buying going on in the sacred space Jesus feels that they have desecrated the temple. He decides to clear the temple in his anger. Here is one place in the Scriptures where we see Jesus lose his temper in his zeal for defending what is right. With the emphasis the Jews in the temple and us as readers, concentrate our focus upon the temple as it refers to the building. But Jesus has another meaning of the word in mind. He declares that if they destroy "this" temple he could raise it up in three days. He is not talking about the physical temple building. He was talking about the temple of his body. The crowds are focused upon the building/structure of the temple. They think Jesus is a bit crazy as the temple has taken forty-six years to build thus far and is still incomplete. They wonder just how Jesus will rebuild it in just three days. They must have thought of him as mad! In hindsight, knowing Jesus died on the cross, was buried and confined to the tomb for three days and his body was raised on the third day, we know he was referring to his resurrection. The disciples recalled what he said here and realized it was indeed in reference to his resurrection. By referring to his body as a temple, Jesus gives us the notion that his and our bodies are sacred and that they are temples of the Holy Spirit. We should, then, have respect for the holy places which are our churches and our bodies for they are holy places in which God dwells.



PRAYER FOR THE BAPTISM OF ABORTED BABIES (29 July 1998)

Heavenly Father, Your love is eternal. In Your ocean of love, You saved the world through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ. Now look at Your only Son on the Cross Who is constantly bleeding for love of His people, and forgive Your world. Purify and baptize aborted children with the Precious Blood and Water from the Sacred Side of Your Son, Who hung dead on the Cross for their salvation, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. May they, through the Holy Death of Jesus Christ, gain everlasting life, through His Wounds be healed, and through His Precious Blood be freed. There to rejoice with the Saints in Heaven. Amen.



Meetings Scheduled ~

Parish Event Planning Committee Meeting
TBA

St. Martha's Outreach Program
Monday, March 8, 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! ~

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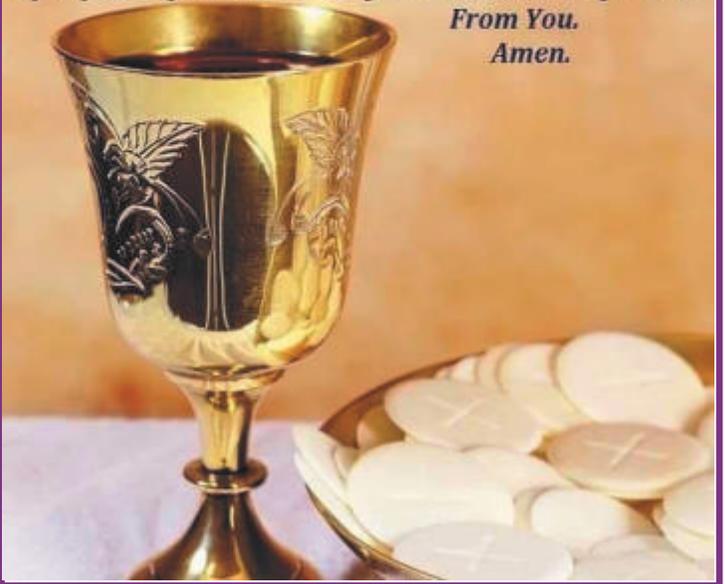


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Spiritual Communion

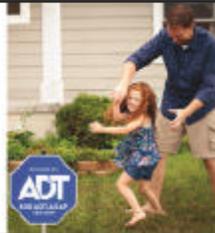
My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as If You were already there and unite myself wholly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



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