

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 20, 2021

4:00 pm ~ Gabriel Silva +4th Anniversary
 Thomas & Maria Neves +Memorial Mass
 Etta Oliver +1st Anniversary

Sunday, March 21, 2021

Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:30 am ~ Michael Ferria +Memorial Mass
 Maria Baptista +6th Anniversary
 11:00 am ~ Joseph DeCastro +Memorial Mass
 Maria C. DeCastro +Birthday Remembrance
 Donald Mathieu +Birthday Remembrance
 Robert Nascimento +Memorial Mass

5:00 pm ~

Monday, March 22, 2021

9:00 am ~ Jalil Warra +Memorial Mass
 Mary Brennan +Memorial Mass

Tuesday, March 23, 2021

9:00 am ~ Vincent & Benedetta Ferri +Memorial Mass

Wednesday, March 24, 2021

9:00 am ~ Luisa Faria +13th Anniversary

Thursday, March 25, 2021

9:00 am ~ Jim Garvey +Memorial Mass

Friday, March 26, 2021

Saturday, March 27, 2021

4:00 pm ~

Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday, April 1

No morning Mass
 Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00 pm

Good Friday, April 2

No Morning Mass
 Stations of the Cross - 3:00 pm
 Service of the Lord's Passion - 7:00 pm

Easter Vigil, April 3

No 4:00 Mass Vigil Mass - 8:00 pm
Easter Sunday, April 1 - 8:30 am & 11:00 am
No 5:00 pm Mass Easter Sunday

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 11

Exposition and Adoration
 of the Blessed Sacrament:
 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm
 Confessions: 2:00 - 3:00 pm
 Chaplet of Divine Mercy: 3:00 pm
 Rosary: 4:00 pm
 Mass: 5:00 pm

~ 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 4 classes left to the last class.

This does not mean that the First Communion and Confirmation 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 along with the record of their service projects.**

***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. Forms can also be found on the table in the vestibule.



~ 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 **April 19** 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.

~ 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 ~

March 14 Offerings
Weekly \$3440.10
Utilities & Energy \$486.17

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 **5th Week of Lent**

Monday, March 15

Is 65:17-21
30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b
Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday, March 16

Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12
Psalm 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9
John 5:1-16

Wednesday, March 17

Is 49:8-15
145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18
Jn 5:17-30

Thursday, March 18

Exodus 32:7-14
Psalm 106:19-20, 21-22, 23
John 5:31-47

Friday, March 19

2 Samuel 7:4-5A, 12-14A, 16
Psalms 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29
Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22
Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24A

Saturday, March 20

Jeremiah 11:18-20
Psalm 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12
John 7:40-53

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 pm



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

~ "A word from the Word" ~

5th Sunday of Lent

Cycle B

Jn 12:20-33

Today's word from the Word is "draw". It is a rather inconspicuous word which seems to be tucked away at the end of the passage, yet it has great meaning and significance in light of the context in which it is used. That context is the crucifixion of Jesus. Jesus claims that when he is "lifted up" (last week's word), he will "draw" everyone to himself. This "drawing" is a sort of gathering up of people by way of some irresistible, mutual attraction. There will be, in Jesus' understanding, a magnetic pull on the hearts of people when they look upon him crucified. The verb, as Jesus uses it, has a double meaning. Jesus will "draw" together and reconcile everyone to the Father. By his Holy Cross he will redeem the world and gather all people to himself by that saving act of his death. The other meaning is quite literal. His crucifixion will be a public spectacle and will get the attention of a lot of people. His crucifixion does "draw" a sizable crowd of those who want him dead and those who do not. This public spectacle is his death. He is giving his life as ransom for all those who look upon him crucified and believe. Even a Roman Centurion comes to faith in Jesus after he witnesses Jesus' death on the cross as he says, "Surely, this was the Son of God." As Catholics, we have always cherished and gloried in the cross of Christ. A crucifix enjoys the central focal point of all our worship and gathering spaces. There should be a crucifix in the heart of every home as well. While those without faith only see a gruesome form of capital punishment and an implement of torture and death, we see our salvation and we are very comforted, healed and strengthened by what we behold; Jesus crucified. Indeed, the sight of a crucifix "draws" us in and "draws" our hearts to his Sacred and Wounded Heart. As he "draws" us to faith in him, he will "draw us one day to himself in the kingdom of God; the gates of which he opened for us as he died upon the cross. "Draw us evermore unto yourself, oh Lord."



~ Pro-Life News ~



Meetings Scheduled ~

Parish Event Planning
Committee Meeting
TBA

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

Parish Finance Council Meeting
Tuesday, April 20, 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.

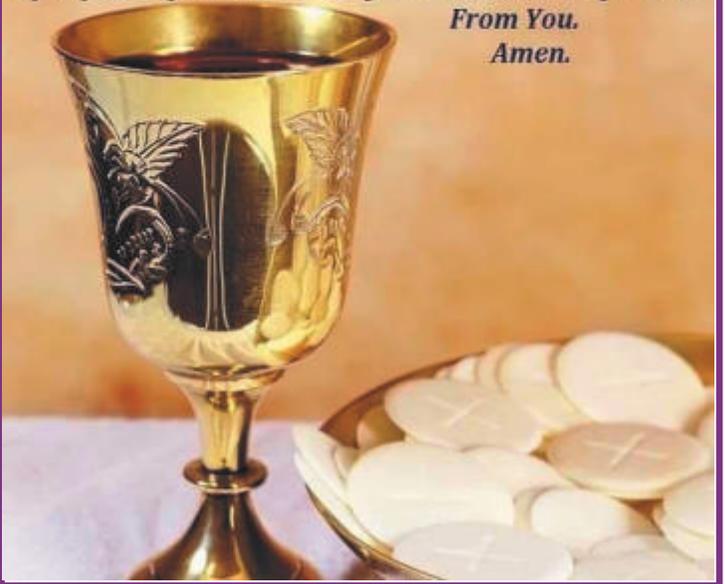


Present this coupon to your server at Lunch or Dinner, Monday thru Thursday, and Davenports will contribute 15% of your total bill to St. Martha's Church.

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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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