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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 next Easter Vigil.



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~Mass Intentions~

Saturday, April 10, 2021

4:00 pm ~ Halena Baptista +1st Anniversary
Michael Blair +4th Anniversary

Sunday, April 11, 2021

Divine Mercy Sunday

8:30 am ~

11:00 am ~ Joseph DeCastro +Memorial Mass
Richard Gaffney +1st Anniversary
Maria R. Ciliberto +Birthday Remembrance

5:00 pm ~ Clara DeSpirito +Memorial Mass

Monday, April 12, 2021

9:00 am ~ Antonio Pinheiro & Family +Memorial Mass
Eugene Phillips +1st Anniversary]

Tuesday, April 13, 2021

9:00 am ~ Abe & Evelyn Impagliazzo +1st Anniversary]

Wednesday, April 14, 2021

9:00 am ~ Fr. Anthony Iwuc +Memorial Mass

Thursday, April 15, 2021

9:00 am ~ Jerry Silva +Birthday Remembrance

Friday, April 16, 2021

Saturday, April 17, 2021

4:00 pm ~ Patricia E. Jackman +1st Anniversary
Helen E. Jackman +Memorial Mass

Sunday, April 18, 2021

Third Sunday of Easter

8:30 am ~ Patricia E. Jackman +1st Anniversary
Helen E. Jackman +Memorial Mass

11:00 am ~ Helen Norman +Memorial Mass
Deceased Members of the Bracq Family

5:00 pm ~ Carmelite Sisters of Valparaiso

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 : 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 Corona Virus and the fact that there are only 2 classes left .

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.

First Holy Communion Date
May 8, 11:00 am

Confirmation Date
TBA

**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.



~ Hey Father! ~



"Have you any thoughts for us on this Easter Season?"

Yes! How wonderful is this Feast!! Jesus Christ, the Son of God is risen from the dead! This fact must permeate and transform the world of the Christian, not only on Easter Sunday, but on every day of the year. This central reality of our faith is essential to having the abundant life God intends for us. I say "reality" because the resurrection of Jesus is not a fairy tale nor is it wishful thinking nor is it the work of some clever imaginations. It was a necessary reality which was at the heart of God's plan for our redemption even now as we live out our lives on earth. The resurrection gives meaning to our lives just as it gave meaning to Jesus' cruel death upon the cross. Without the resurrection we would be stuck in a perpetual Good Friday; with Jesus still buried in His tomb and death as the victor; with no hope for light, happiness and peace. But God the Father raised His Son Jesus from the dead to make a statement to us. He tells us that He loves us so much that He would not allow one of us to be lost to Him. He tells us that He loves us so much that He would not have one of us overcome by the cares, pains and troubles of our human lives. We all know of these things. They make no sense to us if Christ had not come among us to suffer and die and rise again. Jesus' death and resurrection have invited us into the very mystery of both these realities. We must, in faith, learn to parallel our lives with the life of Jesus. Just think of what the cross meant for Jesus and for us. For Jesus it meant death. For us it was the worst sin that we humans could have ever committed; the murder of the Son of God. Yet, out of the crime of that horrible cross comes the best thing that ever happened to the world. God turns our despicable sin of killing His Son into our hope and our salvation. Should we not be doing this same thing in our lives with all the crosses that come our way? Shouldn't we be looking for how our crosses are good and redemptive for us? Instead of seeing them as ways to put us down, oppress us and deprive us of happiness we should see them as ways to newness of life. This is exactly why Jesus has asked us to take up our crosses daily and to follow Him. He asks us to "live" His Paschal Mystery. As we look to the resurrection of Jesus, let us look forward to our own resurrections as we will rise from our own graves on the last day and triumph over all everyday crosses of our lives. A blessed Easter to all who hope in the Risen Lord!

Fr. Green



~ 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

The Knights and our parish thank all those who participated in the Lenten Food Drive

~ Parish Financial Life ~

April 4 Offerings

Weekly \$4420.00

Parish Outreach \$166.00

The Annual Collection

**To date we have collected
over \$21,935**

**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

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 Easter Season

Monday, April 12

Acts 4:23-31

Psalm 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9

John 3:1-8

Tuesday, April 13

Acts 4:32-37

Psalm 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5

John 3:7b-15

Wednesday, April 14

Acts 5:17-26

Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

John 3:16-21

Thursday, April 15

Acts 5:27-33

Psalm 34:2, 9, 17-20

John 3:31-36

Friday, April 16

Acts 5:34-42

Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14

John 6:1-15

Saturday, April 17

Acts 6:1-7

Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19

John 6:16-21

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, April 12 , 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, May-
onnaise, Canned Pastas, Canned
Vegetables

*We can once again accept pasta +
pasta sauce*

E.P. K of C Council #1528

History and Heritage of the KofC

Late 19th century Connecticut was marked by the growing fraternal benefit societies, anti-Catholic prejudice and dangerous factory working conditions that left many families fatherless. Recognizing a need in his community, Father Michael J. McGivney, the 29-year-old assistant pastor of St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Conn., gathered a group of men at his parish on Oct. 2, 1881. He proposed establishing a lay organization to prevent Catholic men from entering secret societies antithetical to Church teaching, uniting Catholic men and helping families of deceased members.

To demonstrate their loyalty to their country as well as their faith, these men took Christopher Columbus — recognized as a Catholic and celebrated as the discoverer of America — as their patron. The Knights of Columbus elected officers in February 1882 and assumed corporate status on March 29.

(to be continued)



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 .**

Divine Mercy Sunday

Cycle B

JN 20:19-31

Today's word from the Word is "**breathed**". We are told that when the Risen Lord appeared to the 11 Apostles he "breathed" on them. This may seem to be an odd expression for us to comprehend when it comes to one person greeting another person or a group of people. Right away, upon hearing the expression, we might become a little uncomfortable in imagining someone standing so close that you can feel their breath on you or, what is worse, smell their breath. Jesus is not invading their "personal space." When we look at the context in which John uses the word, we come to appreciate all the nuances of the word. The word "breathed" conveys many things about the scene of the Risen Jesus' visit. First off, we know from a description of the scene that the Apostles are locked up in the upper room "for fear of the Jews." They are quite nervous and afraid that what happened to Jesus would happen to them. They are in tremendous need for reassurance, courage and strength. One might say that they need divine help. We know we receive this divine help through our encounters with the Lord. This is exactly what takes place as Jesus enters the place where they are hiding. We get the sense that when they encounter Jesus he is so close to them they can feel his breath. But the meaning goes far beyond the issue of intimacy. Recall that in Genesis 2:7 it describes how God created Adam: "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being." Adam was formed as a man but had no life in him. The Apostles were alive, but fear had robbed them of the ability to do anything. Jesus extends to them this lifegiving breath. We must not confuse this with the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost as a permanent gift to them. That is later, after Jesus' Ascension into heaven. Recall how he promised to send them an "advocate" or "helper" to dwell within them. Jesus' breathing on them was like, put very simply, "a shot in the arm" which helped to reassure them not to be afraid. Perhaps, the next time we find ourselves fearful or overwhelm we can make it our prayer to ask the Lord to "breathe" upon us that we too might experience his presence with us as he was present to the Apostles.



Preserve Life and Love



Meetings Scheduled ~

Parish Event Planning
Committee Meeting
TBA

St. Martha's Outreach Program
Monday, April 12, 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

"Have you any thoughts for us on this Easter Sunday?"

~ Great Fundraiser! ~

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

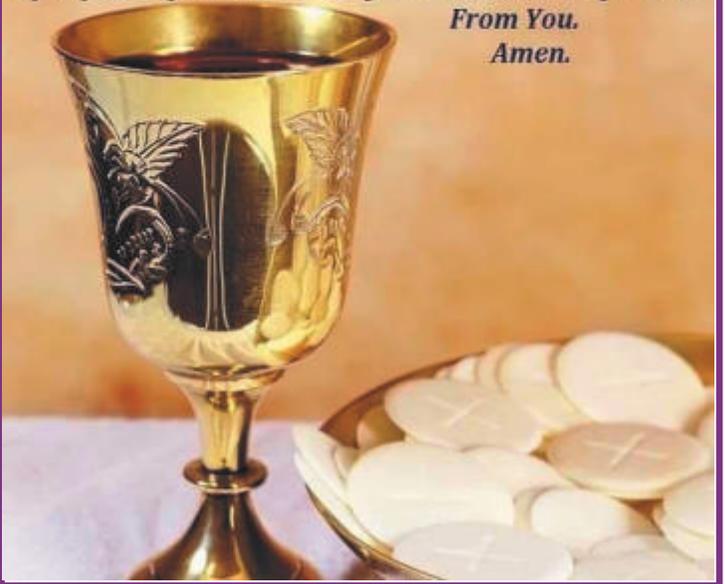


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Spiritual Communion

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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