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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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SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

26TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

~Mass Intentions~

Saturday, September 25, 2021

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

Sunday, September 26, 2021

Twenty-sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

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

11:00 am ~ MaryLou Aniceto +3rd Anniversary

Daniel Almeida +Memorial Mass
5:00 pm ~ Fr. Raymond Luft +Memorial Mass

Monday, September 27, 2021

St. Vincent de Paul

9:00 am ~

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

9:00 am ~

Wednesday, September 29, 2021

Ss. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael Archangels

9:00 am ~Anthony & Clementine Merrill +Memorial Mass

Thursday, September 30, 2021

St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church

9:00 am ~ Jerry Silva +Memorial Mass

Friday, October 1, 2021

*St. Therese of the Child Jesus,
Virgin & Doctor of the Church*

Saturday, October 2, 2021

The Holy Guardian Angels

4:00 pm ~

Sunday, October 3, 2021

Twenty-seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:30 am ~
11:00 am ~ Elizabeth Socha +1st Anniversary
5:00 pm ~



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

~ Youth & Adult Religious Education ~

**Religious Education
Classes for Rel. Ed.
have resumed
& 5:00 pm Sunday Mass
has resumed**

The 2021-2022 school year for our
religious education program began
on September 12 with
in-class lessons.

Grades 1-5 meet Sunday Mornings
from 9:45 - 10:45

Grades 6-8 meet Sunday Evenings
from 6:00 - 7:00

~ Parish Outreach ~



Our Next Meeting

Monday, October 18 , 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, Personal Hygiene products,
Tooth Paste, Soap, Deodorant,
Shampoo, Mouth Wash etc.



The Pantry is beginning to run low

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



We need teachers!

If you are a teacher or retired teacher please consider volunteering to teach in our Religious Education Program this year. Texts will be provided. Grades 1-5 meet Sunday Mornings from 9:45 to 10:45 and Grades 6-8 meet Sunday Evenings from 6:00 to 7:00.

~ PEPC ~



The Parish Event Planning Committee is hard at working planning!

20 Week Club

Our 20 Week Club is on-going.

The club started the weekend of May 1st & 2nd we started accepting your number choices and payment for this year's 20 week club. Please take a flyer and select 3 numbers. This is a first come basis on the number choices. Please put your flyer and payment in an envelope and put your number in the memo line. There will be a container to drop off your information located in the back of the church. You may drop off your payment in the mail slot at the church rectory. Final drawing and gathering October 17.



We have plans for a Christmas Wreath Sale coming this Advent.

The Parish Event Planning Committee (PEPC) meets once per month to plan important parish events and fund raisers. Any parishioner is invited and welcome to attend these meetings and to belong to the committee. These events are an important part of parish life and offer us opportunities to come together in different ways other than joining for worship. Come get to know your neighbors and lend your ideas.



Malasadas Sale
We thank all those who supported our Malasadas Sale. We sold out!

~ Parish Financial Life ~

September 12 Offerings

Weekly \$3935.00
Priests' Retirement \$1053.00

>Please remember to continue to support the parish. 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.

>If you haven't already given to the Annual Collection and would like to contribute, just put an envelope in the collection basket labeled Annual Collection. 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 2020. Thanks for helping us to make our goal.

Electronic Funds Transfer

It is convenient, secure and easy to use. *Faith Direct* will provide you an offer-tory 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

26th Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, September 27

Zechariah 8:1-8

Psalm 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23

Luke 9:46-50

Tuesday, September 28

Zechariah 8:20-23

Psalm 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7

Luke 9:51-56

Wednesday, September 29

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14

138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5

Jn 1:47-51

Thursday, September 30

Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12

Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11

Luke 10:1-12

Friday, October 1

Baruch 1:15-22

Psalm 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9

Luke 10:13-16

Saturday, October 2

Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29

Psalm 69:33-35, 36-37

Matthew 18:1-5, 10

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





Authentic Femininity...

For Such a Time as this (Esther 4:14)

This program is returning to St. Martha's after it was discontinued due to Covid 19. Women of Grace is a Catholic apostolate which began in 2003 as an outreach of "Living His Life Abundantly". The mission of Women of Grace is to transform the world one woman at a time by affirming women in their dignity and vocation as daughters of God and in their gift of authentic femininity through ongoing spiritual formation. Exploring all aspects of the "feminine genius," Women of Grace promotes the dignity of woman, the gift of true womanhood, woman's fundamental call and mission in the world, and presents the Blessed Virgin Mary as the exemplar of all women.

Women of Grace informs, instructs, and inspires women through its many outreaches including Women of Grace radio and television programs, the Women of Grace Study Program, the Benedicta Leadership Institute for Women, life-changing conferences and retreats, and a dynamic new, interactive website. This multi-faceted approach aids Women of Grace in achieving its mission by encouraging every woman to discover how her feminine nature holds the key to real fulfillment and lasting peace.

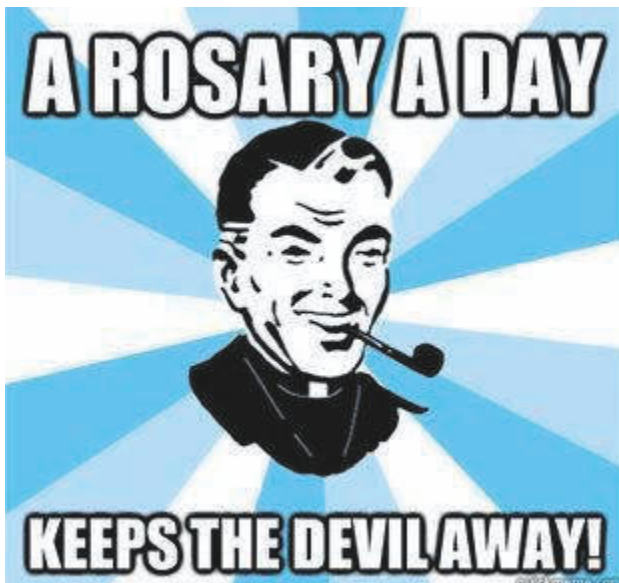
We will be starting this fall. Watch for an announcement of when we will be beginning again.

Hey, Father!



This program is tremendously important to all parishioners as we share the faith which we love and practice with our youth. It is especially important to parents who, at the time of the baptism of their children, promised to be the primary teachers of the faith to their children. Our teachers within this fine and comprehensive program help parents in this sacred duty in a more formal classroom setting. It must never be the intention of parents to put the responsibility of bringing their children up to practice the faith entirely on the shoulders of our teachers. Our program is not designed to fulfill that responsibility of parents. For any parent who wants their child's education to be total, rounded and complete they will want to provide not only a formal, intellectual and physical education for their children but a religious one as well. Our public school system does a good job of teaching our children the things they will need to know to master our world. Knowledge of science, math, history, geography etc. is so very important for any child to grow and become a productive member of society. But our public school education lacks one thing. It is not allowed, not equipped and not qualified to provide our children with a religious education. This important part of everyone's life focuses upon coming to know and love the true God who created all things and put them in the order in which science finds them. They can't mention that it is God who so masterfully arranged our world in a completely calculable way which we can learn by studying mathematics. It was God who formed our planet and made the oceans, rivers and mountains which they get to know about in Geography. Our past comes alive for our students in the study of history and the social sciences a part in which God has played His part. To leave out the study of God as the source of all things and all knowledge is to leave out a very crucial part of a child's education and development. Our Religious Education program seeks to fill the void. What the public schools won't and can't teach your children, we will!! To master the world through education is a great thing but even greater than this is to come also to know, love and serve the Lord in this world and to be happy with Him forever in the next. Is our program important? You bet it is! Pray for our teachers who serve our parish.

Fr. Green



~ “A word from the Word” ~

26th Sunday of Ordinary Time Cycle B MK 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Today's word from the Word is "Gehenna." It is capitalized because it is the formal name of a place. According to Wikipedia, "Gehenna is a small valley in Jerusalem. In the Hebrew Bible, Gehenna was initially where some of the kings of Judah sacrificed their children by fire. Thereafter, it was deemed to be cursed (Jer. 7:31, 19:2-6). In rabbinic literature and Christian and Islamic Scripture, Gehenna is a destination of the wicked. This is different from the more neutral Sheol/Hades, the abode of the dead, or Hell. In the King James Version of the Bible, the term appears 13 times in 11 different verses as Valley of Hinnom, Valley of the son of Hinnom or Valley of the children of Hinnom. The Valley of Hinnom is the modern name for the valley surrounding Jerusalem's Old City, including Mount Zion, from the west and south. It meets and merges with the Kidron Valley, the other principal valley around the Old City, near the south-eastern corner of the city." Suffice it to say, it was not a nice place to be. In the sense of the word referring to hell, "Gehenna" is not a formal name for hell itself. It can refer to any place of extreme torment or suffering. In His warning against sinfulness, Jesus describes the place of "Gehenna" as a place "where their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched." It is said that "Gehenna" referred to a smoldering garbage dump outside the city of Jerusalem. The garbage would get infested with maggots and would perpetually self-combust. This would explain what Jesus meant when he referred to "Gehenna" as the unpleasant place of worms and fire. This would be no place to live and, as such, would not be a place of life. Jesus says that sinners can "enter life" rather than a place of death if they cut themselves off from what is causing them to sin. We can conclude from all this that "Gehenna" is certainly not a pleasant place. Jesus speaks, then, of the whole concept of divine retribution and punishment. The punishment fits the crime, or in this case, the punishment fits the sin. Cutting off one's hand or plucking out one's eye in order to avoid falling into sin or leading others to sin would be far more pleasant than being cast into "Gehenna." This passage and pronouncement of Jesus is also a dire warning to anyone who would harm a child or lead a child to sin. In light of the clergy sex abuse scandal one would wonder if guilty clergy offenders, such men should tremble as they read this passage. It is a personal warning to them. This passage also reminds us that we cannot ignore any of what Jesus said or scoff at the notion of the eternal fires of hell. Hell is a real place about which Jesus spoke often. He is giving a serious and stern warning to all. Whatever leads us to sin, we need to literally cut it out.



~ Pro-Life News ~



Right to Life Services transforms spare change from your church into diapers and clothing, blankets and winter wear, bassinets and toiletries, formula and baby food. The Baby Bottle Boomerang is so easy. We provide empty bottles for your church to distribute on one Sunday and the filled bottles are returned on another Sunday. We will participate some time this fall. We thank you for your help and your respect for life.

~ Meetings Scheduled ~

Parish Event Planning
Committee Meeting
Wednesday, TBA, 6:30 pm

St. Martha's Outreach Program
Monday, October 18, 6:30 pm

Parish Finance Council Meeting
Tuesday, October 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...

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Parish office is now open

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desire to receive You into my soul.*

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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.
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