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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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OCTOBER 3, 2021

27TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

~Mass Intentions~

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 ~

Monday, October 4, 2021

St. Francis of Assisi

9:00 am ~

Tuesday, October 5, 2021

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

Wednesday, October 6, 2021

9:00 am ~

Thursday, October 7, 2021

Our Lady of the Rosary

9:00 am ~

Friday, October 8, 2021

Saturday, October 9, 2021

4:00 pm ~ Laura Escobar

+8th Anniversary

Sunday, October 10, 2021

Twenty-eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:30 am ~ Elizabeth Perry

9th Anniversary

11:00 am ~ Joseph DeCastro

+Memorial Mass

John Wm. Harboldt Auber +19th Anniversary

George Caduto

+11th Anniversary

5:00 pm ~



**Sanctuary Lamp and
Altar Breads
are in memory of
George Caduto**

~ 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 16.



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.



~ Parish Financial Life ~

September 26 Offerings

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| Weekly | \$4129.00 |
| Fuel & Utilities | \$852.00 |

>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

27th Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, October 4

Jonah 1:1-2:1-2, 11
Jonah 2:3, 4, 5, 8
Luke 10:25-37

Tuesday, October 5

Jonah 3:1-10
Psalm 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8
Luke 10:38-42

Wednesday, October 6

Jonah 4:1-11
Psalm 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10
Luke 11:1-4

Thursday, October 7

Mal 3:13-20b
Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6
Luke 11:5-13

Friday, October 8

Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2
Psalm 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9
Lk 11:15-26

Saturday, October 9

Joel 4:12-21
Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12
Lk 11:27-28

For easy access to the daily readings and reflections on these 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 meet for the first time on Wednesday, October 20 after the 9:00 am Mass.

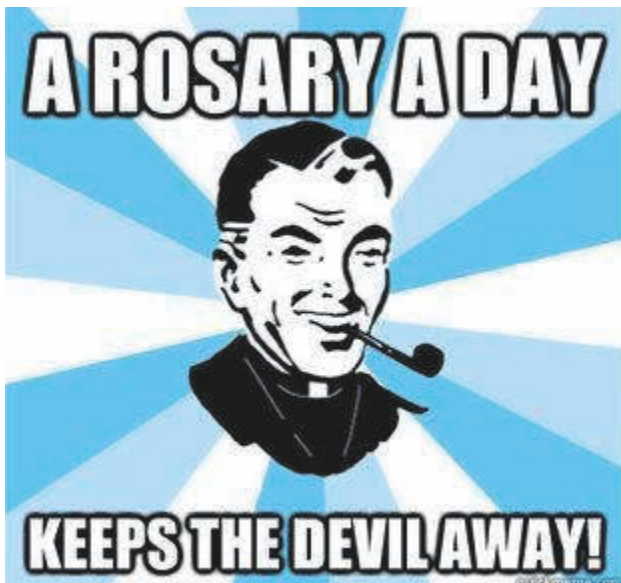
Hey, Father!

"Why doesn't the Catholic Church come into the 21st century and change its teaching on certain moral issues?"



I'm not sure which "moral issues" you are talking about. I do know that there are several of them that are getting much attention lately. These issues include: Abortion, Euthanasia, Embryonic Stem Cell Research, Human Cloning and Same Sex Marriage. The Church's stand and teaching about these issues can never be changed as they are based on immutable truths that have come to be revealed to us by God. We read in sacred Scripture: "My ways are not your ways says the Lord". So there are certain truths which cannot be altered by our desiring them to be altered. We cannot "toy" with them and try to conform them to our way of thinking; whether for our own convenience, personal gain or the outright defiance of God. Rather than trying to shake the Church free of its solid rock foundation in order to catapult it into alignment with erroneous present day popular thought, perhaps the world needs to come back to the past to once again listen to and be guided by the wisdom of the Church which it has always possessed and tried to pass on to her people. It holds fast to the truth and proclaims it in the interest of enlightening souls; thus saving them from wrongful thinking which leads to sin. I'm afraid we are becoming blinded to the truth. We don't want to hear it. It has somehow become inconvenient. This is why so many find the Church to be "too much" for them and they walk away from it. All Catholics need to be who they say they are: followers of Christ in the tradition of the Roman Catholic Church. As followers of Christ, He and His Church demand total consent from all those who call themselves "Catholic"-to conform their hearts, minds and souls to the truth as it is held and taught by the Church. One cannot consider themselves to be Catholic if they hold any position contrary to that which the Church teaches on the above mentioned moral issues. We need to stop watering down, compromising or tampering with Church teaching. If a person does not agree with what the Church teaches and holds a view contrary to that teaching, they should not consider themselves to be Catholic. Indeed, by the very fact that they hold views contrary to that of the Church they have already cut themselves off from the Church. Truth is the truth, always and everywhere, unable to be changed. The Church is the Church, always and everywhere, unable to be changed. We must love it or leave it. There can be no "lukewarm" (see Revelation 3:16) Catholics.

Fr. Green



~ “A word from the Word” ~

27th Sunday of Ordinary Time Cycle B MK 10:2-16

Today's word from the Word is “let.” As often is the case, the smallest of words can have the greatest of meanings. This three-letter word has much power behind it. As the word is used within this gospel passage, it is in the imperative case. The imperative of any verb becomes a command; telling someone to do something. Jesus used this tense with many verbs when He was telling someone to do something. For instance: at the Last supper Jesus commanded to the Apostles (and us) to take, eat, drink, do this in My memory. These are all commands for us to partake in the Eucharist. When we couple these commands with the Old Testament command to keep holy the Sabbath, then we know it is imperative that we come to Mass. What is Jesus commanding in this case? He is addressing those who were keeping the children from coming to Him. He wanted them to come to Him to be able to embrace and bless them. So, He ordered “let” the children come to Me. He strengthens this command by also commanding “do not prevent them.” It is no surprise that this passage (Mark 10:13-16) is the gospel passage used in the Baptism ceremony. It is a command intended especially for Catholic Christian parents. Parents obey Jesus' command by presenting their children for Baptism. It is up to the parents to bring their children to know, love and serve God all their lives. So, the command to “let” the children come to Me extends far beyond just having the children baptized and getting their relationships with God started. The fact that “let” is such a strong imperative and command shows the seriousness of responsibility Jesus places on parents to do their duty to continue to bring their children to God. So many ignore the command and some have even taken up the notion that they should “let” their children choose and decide what religion they will embrace when they are older. This is irresponsible, dangerous and fool hearty. No parent should “let” their children choose if they want a relationship with God or not. It would be just as ridiculous for parents to “let” their children decide if and what they eat or don't eat; to take a bath or change their diaper or not; to go to bed at a decent hour or not. If we “let” children choose everything for themselves, their development will be compromised and their physical lives will become endangered. It is the same with their relationship with God. Children will never develop their faith life if parents don't bring them to Mass every week. If it is not important to a parent, it won't be important to a child. Here is where Jesus' command to “let” is fortified by the other command; “do not prevent them.” Parents, how are you doing in fulfilling the Lord's commands by “letting” your children come to Him?



~ 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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Monday: 9:30 am - 2:00 pm

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Sunday**

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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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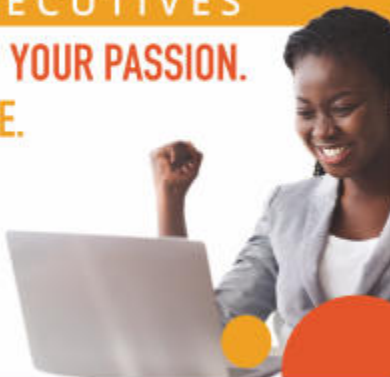
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