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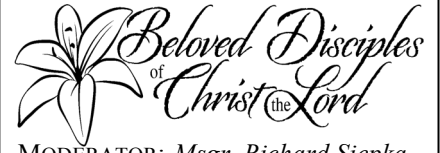
Saint Martha Parish

Creating Our Church for The Next Generation

10 French Road, Depew, New York 14043

St. Martha Parish Website: www.stmarthadepew.org

BDCL Family Website: bdclfamily.org



MODERATOR: Msgr. Richard Siepka
IN SOLIDUM: Rev. Bart Lipiec,
Rev. Lukasz Kopala

MISSION STATEMENT ~ The St. Martha Parish Community recognizes both friend and stranger as an honored guest. We strive to welcome each person as St. Martha welcomed Jesus. Embracing our Roman Catholicism, we live in faith, hope, and charity, guided by the Holy Spirit and sustained by the sacraments. We commit ourselves to serve our neighbors and others and thus strengthen the Church for the next generation.

*Please note: We live-stream all Masses and encourage the vulnerable (those who are at an enhanced risk, sick, or caring for others who are at risk or sick) not attend, but to watch Mass on the live stream. See below...

✚ **LIVE STREAM** - MASSES are LIVE STREAMED - Just visit www.stmarthadepew.org and click on "Watch & Listen" and "Click here to Reach Our Live Stream You Tube Page!" (No subscription is necessary to view here.) Please direct any issues or questions to jszpylman@stmarthadepew.org.

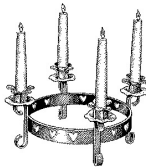
Masks are optional in the church. All Masses are Live-streamed.

* **Parking Lot in car participation - tune radio to 95.1FM**

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE:

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| SUNDAY 12/01: | 8:00AM | |
| | *10:00AM | |
| MONDAY 12/02: | 8:15AM | |
| TUESDAY 12/03: | 8:15AM | |
| WEDNESDAY 12/04: | 8:15AM | |
| THURSDAY 12/05: | 8:15AM | |
| FRIDAY 12/06: | 8:15AM | |
| SATURDAY 12/07: | 5:00PM | (Sunday Vigil) |
| SUNDAY 12/08: | 8:00AM | |
| | *10:00AM | |

Advent begins



✚ **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: MONDAY - FRIDAY 9AM to 3PM** in the Chapel. (NOTE: Chapel will be CLOSED on Holy Days & Holidays & if the Lancaster Schools close for weather.). For information or to make a prayer request, call Pat (716-684-2596). If you can't be there for your Hour call Sandie (716-395-3007).

✚ **NOCTURNAL ADORATION:** The FIRST FRIDAY of the Month from 9PM-Midnight in church. For information call Jerry Okun at 684-4907.

✚ **ROSARY:** 5-DECADE ROSARY Monday-Friday after 8:15AM Mass in the Chapel & Saturdays @ 4:25PM and Sundays @ 7:25AM & 9:25AM in church. 20-DECADE ROSARY Thursdays @ 6:00PM in the Chapel. (Any questions, call Joyce 716-683-5398). Outdoor Rosary 1st & 3rd Mondays June to October, side parking lot.



✚ **CONFESSIONS** - Saturday before Mass if a priest is available.

✚ **THE FOLLOWING ARE UPON REQUEST:**

ANOINTING OF THE SICK contact the rectory
BAPTISMS contact the rectory for classes & dates
LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION contact the rectory.

RECTORY OFFICE 716-684-6342

(FAX 716-684-1853)

E-MAIL: INFO@STMARTHADPEW.ORG

OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY: 9:00AM – 4:00PM
TUESDAY: 9:00AM – 4:00PM
WEDNESDAY: 9:00AM – 4:00PM
THURSDAY: 9:00AM – 4:00PM
FRIDAY: 9:00AM – 4:00PM
(Closed daily from 12 Noon - 1PM for lunch)

Rev. Bart W. Lipiec (ext 202)

Permanent Deacon Jim Trzaska (ext 250)

SECRETARY: Rosanne Depczynski (ext 200)

BOOKKEEPER: Susan Koprucki (New ext 203)

ST. MARTHA PANTRY: (ext 218)

Hours: Mon 6-8pm, Wed & Thurs 9am-Noon, & Sat 10am-Noon.

MAINTENANCE DEPT: (ext 217)

BULLETIN EDITOR: Anne Mazurek (716-901-4440)

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Jill Muise (716-684-1825)

PARISH COUNCIL CHAIR: Brian Chambrone

SCHOOL 716-685-2544 (FAX 716-685-9103)

Office Hours:

Monday-Friday 7:30AM - 2:30PM

WEBSITE: school.olbsdepew.org

PRINCIPAL: Nancy Kindred

Email: nkindred@school.olbsdepew.org

FAITH FORMATION 716-685-2546

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Mrs. Jessica Szpylman

Email: jszpylman@stmarthadepew.org

✚ PARISH BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS -

Articles for the bulletin should be e-mailed to thebulletinlady@roadrunner.com by the MONDAY prior to the weekend for the announcement. Include contact info for any questions. ALL ANNOUNCEMENTS ARE SUBJECT TO FR. BART'S APPROVAL & NON-parish news is also subject to "available space".

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

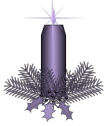
DECEMBER 1, 2024

"At a Glance"

THIS WEEK @ St. Martha Parish



SUN 12/01 **First Sunday of ADVENT**



- 5 Decade Rosary @ 7:25AM (Church)
- 8:00AM Sunday Mass (Church / Streamed)
- 5 Decade Rosary @ 9:25AM (Church)
- 10:00AM Sunday Mass
(Church / Streamed & Parking Lot, radio 95.1FM)

- MON 12/02**
- 8:15AM Daily Mass (Church / Streamed)
 - 5 Decade Rosary after Morning Mass (Chapel)
 - Eucharistic Adoration 9AM - 3PM (Chapel)
 - SENIOR FITNESS CLASS 1-1:45PM (gym)
 - ALTAR & ROSARY GUILD Mtg 6PM
 - ♪ -CHRISTMAS CONCERT 7PM (gym) ♪

- TUES 12/03**
- 8:15AM Daily Mass (Church / Streamed)
 - 5 Decade Rosary after Morning Mass (Chapel)
 - Eucharistic Adoration 9AM - 3PM (Chapel)

- WED 12/04**
- 8:15AM Daily Mass (Church / Streamed)
 - 5 Decade Rosary after Morning Mass (Chapel)
 - Eucharistic Adoration 9AM - 3PM (Chapel)

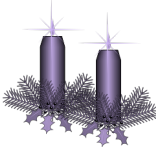
- THUR 12/05**
- 8:15AM Daily Mass (Church / Streamed)
 - 5 Decade Rosary after Morning Mass (Chapel)
 - Eucharistic Adoration 9AM - 3PM (Chapel)

- FRI 12/06**
- 8:15AM Daily Mass (Church / Streamed)
 - 5 Decade Rosary after Morning Mass (Chapel)
 - NO School, Parent/Teacher Conferences
 - Eucharistic Adoration 9AM - 3PM (Chapel)
 - ADVENT STATIONS 7PM (Church)
 - NOCTURNAL ADORATION 9PM-12AM (Church)



- SAT 12/07**
- 5:00PM Sunday Vigil Mass
(Church / Streamed)

SUN 12/08 **Second Sunday of ADVENT**



- 5 Decade Rosary @ 7:25AM (Church)
- 8:00AM Sunday Mass (Church / Streamed)
- 5 Decade Rosary @ 9:25AM (Church)
- 10:00AM Sunday Mass
(Church / Streamed & Parking Lot, radio 95.1FM)

ST. MARTHA PARISH STEWARDSHIP

We offer an online giving option! Just click on the *donate now* button on our website www.stmarthdepew.org. Your donation can be one time only, weekly, or monthly!

From Fr. Bart:

Along the Way...

An ADVENT JOURNEY



The Jesse Tree is a way of telling the story of God's plan from the beginning of time to redeem His people by sending a Savior. It follows the lineage of Christ's family and key people in the Old Testament that God uses to tell His story from Creation through Christ's

birth. It is a countdown daily from December 1ST to December 25TH with the telling of a story, and an ornament that acts as a symbol and visual reminder of the story.

1. **Creation** ~ Read: Genesis 1:1 and John 1:1-4
2. **Adam and Eve** ~ Read: A selection from Genesis 3
3. **Warning of the Flood** ~ Read: Genesis 6:5-8
4. **The Promised Land** ~ Read: A selection from Genesis 12:1-7
5. **God's Promise to Abraham** ~ Read: A selection from Genesis 15:1-6
6. **Jacob's Ladder** ~ Read: Genesis 28:10-17
7. **Isaac and the Lamb** ~ Read: Genesis 22:1-13
8. **The Ten Commandments** ~ Read: Exodus 32: 15-18, 20: 1-20
9. **Joseph's Coat of Many Colors** ~ Read: A selection from Genesis 37:1-36
10. **Ruth and Boaz** ~ Read: Ruth 1:16, 2:5-17, 4:14
11. **Noah's Ark** ~ Read: Genesis 6:9
12. **Josiah Finds the Law** ~ Read: 2 Kings 23: 1-3 and Psalm 119:105
13. **The Jesse Tree** ~ Read: Isaiah 11:1-2
14. **Lion and the Lamb** ~ Read: Isaiah 11:6-8
15. **Prophecy of the Prince of Peace** ~ Read: Isaiah 9:6-7
16. **Immanuel** ~ Read: Matthew: 1:23
17. **Prophecy of the Suffering Servant** ~ Read: Isaiah 53
18. **Prophecy of the New Covenant** ~ Read: Jeremiah 31: 31-34
19. **The Warrior Leader** ~ Read: Joshua 3 & 6
20. **The Exile** ~ Read: Daniel 3:19-29
21. **The Return to the Land** ~ Read: Nehemiah 1:3, 2:18, 6:15
22. **Samuel Anoints a King** ~ Read: 1 Samuel 16
23. **The Light of the World** ~ Read: Luke 1:26-35, 2:32
24. **Angels Proclaim the Coming of Christ** ~ Read: Luke 2:8-14
25. **The Birth of Jesus** ~ Read: Luke 2: 1-10

Let us pray and care for each other ~ Fr. Bart

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

Please Note: The collection basket will only go around once at Masses, so any special collection donations must be in a labeled envelope and put in the basket with the weekly collection. Thank you!

RETIREMENT FUND for RELIGIOUS

Will be taken up next weekend, DECEMBER 7th & 8th. Do you remember the sisters, brothers, or priests who made a positive difference in your life? Today many are elderly and need assistance. Their religious communities struggle to meet retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Please give your support!

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Time to PICK UP Your 2025 PARISH OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Please pick up your 2025 weekly offertory envelope boxes in the hallway by the school office. They are in numerical order and note some numbers may have changed. An alphabetical binder is provided to look up your box number by last name. Please pick yours up promptly this year and Thank you!!

St. Martha ALTAR & ROSARY GUILD Presents a FREE



Featuring The LANCASTER HIGH SCHOOL SHOW CHOIR & Joining them this year ~ SWINGING STRINGS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2ND

in the School Gym
Music Starts @ 7:00 PM
(Reception to follow concert)

ALL ARE INVITED!

Join us to *ring* in the Christmas Spirit!

Donations to the Food Pantry are not required but gratefully accepted.

Gift Card SCRIPT ORDERS



OLBS School will be taking orders for SCRIP (*Raise Right*) after Masses the weekends of **NOV 30 & DEC 01 and DEC 7 & 8**. Buy your Christmas or everyday gift cards, and the school will receive a percentage of the sale. Order forms are available after mass and cards will be available for pickup the weekend of December 14th-15th.

GIFT CARD CALENDARS

OLBS School will be selling Gift Card Calendars after all weekend Masses! A \$10 donation will get you a chance to win a different gift card every day during the month of January.



ADVENT PRAYER SERVICE

Here at St. Martha Parish

Join us for the

ADVENT STATIONS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6TH



What are Advent Stations? Unlike The Stations of The Cross, these stations (there are 7 of them) are a prayer journey that helps us prepare for Christ's birth. Each station includes passages from the Old and New Testaments, a meditation, and a prayer for us to say together. The stations focus on themes like *HOPE, GOD'S PROMISES, and SALVATION*. It's a great way to explore the meaning of Advent and get ready for Christmas! Please join us for this event at **7:00PM in the Church**. Sponsored by the BDCL Respect Life Ministry.



~ 2024 ~

This year the Giving Tree will be decorated with the gift card requests. All gift cards will be distributed to the families of St. Martha Pantry. After taking an

envelope off the tree, please purchase a gift card from the store indicated on the envelope. Place the gift card in the envelope, seal it, and place it in the collection basket at mass or drop it in the rectory mail slot on the front door of the building. Your gift cards will make Christmas merrier for many families. Thank you for your generous support.

Please RETURN all envelopes by Sunday, December 8th



SYMPATHY

OUR PRAYERS AND CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF:

✠ **Rodney James Baran**



~ HOLY DAY ~

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

On **MONDAY, DECEMBER 9TH** we celebrate the **Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary**. Please note because the Holy Day is celebrated on a Monday, there will be NO vigil masses. At St. Martha Parish the Rectory and Adoration Chapel will be closed on the Holy Day.

Below is the **Holy Day Mass schedule** for our BDCL Family of Parishes:



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|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| 8:15 am | @ St. Martha |
| 8:30 am | @ Our Lady of Pompeii |
| | @ St. John the Baptist |
| | @ St. Mary of the Assumption |
| | @ St. Teresa of Calcutta |
| 9:00 am | @ St. Philip the Apostle |
| 11:00 am | @ St. Martha |
| 12:00 pm | @ St. Mary of the Assumption |
| | @ St. Philip the Apostle |
| 7:00 pm | @ St. John the Baptist |
| | @ St. Mary of the Assumption |

ST MARTHA TRANSITION TEAM

The St Martha Transition Team is dedicated to ensuring a smooth merger of our parish into the St. Mary's Parish community. Our team, composed of volunteer parishioners, is actively discussing the best ways to facilitate this transition. WE WELCOME YOUR INPUT AND WILL BE PLACING A SUGGESTION BOX IN THE VESTIBULE, WHERE YOU CAN SUBMIT IDEAS FOR STEPS WE CAN TAKE TO FACILITATE A SMOOTH TRANSITION. We recognize that change can be challenging and uncomfortable. With clear communication, we hope to alleviate some of the stress you may be feeling. Updates will be communicated through the bulletin and periodic mass announcements. May God bless us all as we navigate through this journey together.

Christmas Eve FAMILY MASS



We will celebrate the next Family Mass at St. Martha Parish on TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH at the 4:00PM Mass. Please join us for this special Christmas Eve Celebration. All children of the parish are invited to serve as lectors, greeters, gift bearers, ushers, and to proclaim the

Lord's Prayer. We also need some volunteers to dress in costume to portray the Nativity scene. Please sign up through the St. Martha Facebook page or email Mrs. Szpylman at jszpylman@stmarthadepew.org, Ms. Kucewicz at skucewicz@school.olbsdepew.org or Mrs. Glaub at cglaub@school.olbsdepew.org. We ask that you sign up by Sunday, December 15th if you would like to read at mass. Please consider joining us on Christmas Eve. Check the bulletin next weekend for more details on this special Christmas Eve Family Mass!

Knights of St. John

"21 CLUB" TICKETS are BACK!

Tickets make a GREAT Stocking Stuffers!! This is a weekly drawing for \$100.00 each week for 20 weeks Plus and an Early Bird Bonus drawing for \$100.00. The final drawing on the 21st week is for one (1) Grand Prize Award of \$1000.00, plus 2nd prize award of \$500.00, 3rd prize award of \$500.00, 4th prize award of \$300.00, 5th prize award of \$200.00, and 6th prize award of \$100.00. The First drawing will be in 2025. The cost is \$20.00/ticket. For tickets call Peter Becker at 716-867-3448, ask any Knight of St. John, or pick up a ticket at the Rectory during office hours. We will also be in back of the Church selling tickets through December!!

YOGA @ ST. MARTHA

The last class will be on **MONDAY, DECEMBER 9TH** from 9-10AM in the school gym. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a yoga mat. It is a gentle class and suitable for beginners and experienced. For more information or questions, contact Jane Schmitt @ (716) 984-6282. **Please Note:** If the Lancaster School District closes for weather, the class will be canceled.

SENIOR FITNESS CLASS!

There are two dates left on **MONDAYS, DECEMBER 2ND & 9TH** in the school gym from 1:00-1:45PM for those who registered. Please NOTE: If the Lancaster School District closes for weather, the class will be cancelled.

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

Thank you for your continued support of the pantry. Barrels for donations are located in the vestibule of the church. Below is our weekly "Wish List"... , which comes in handy when particular products run low, but ANY donations are always appreciated.

- Tissues • Spaghetti Sauce • Pasta/Noodles
- Condiments (Ketchup, mustard, mayo)
- Deodorant (men's & women's)

*AS ALWAYS, IF THERE IS A NEED AND THE FOOD PANTRY MAY BE OF ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CALL US AT 716-206-0387.

✠ ST. MARTHA MASS INTENTION ✠

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

8:15AM DEBORAH M. STECK -
sister-in-law, Debbie Steck & Family

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3

St. Francis Xavier, Priest

8:15AM MSGR. DINO LORENZETTI -
Nieces & Nephews

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

8:15AM EVA & FRANK DRZEWIECKI -
Dan & Arlene Miodonski

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

8:15AM CAROL EHLERS-FITZPATRICK -
Sharon Ehlers

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

8:15AM BILL FENNELL -
Coyne, Dotterweich, Parsell, & Outlaw Families

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

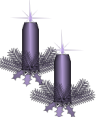
St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor

5:00PM JOSEPHINE & ANTHONY FERRARO, SR. -
(Sunday Vigil) Sirianni Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00AM KEN HERBERGER - wife, Joanne
10:00AM HOLY NAME SOCIETY



LECTORS: DECEMBER 7 & 8

- 5:00PM Mark Czaplicki
- 8:00AM Gail Lucarelli
- 10:00AM Donna Speyer

