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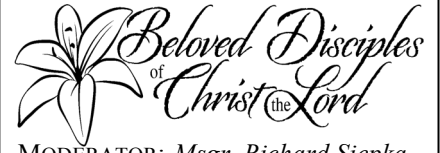
# Saint Martha Parish

Creating Our Church for The Next Generation

10 French Road, Depew, New York 14043

St. Martha Parish Website: [www.stmarthadepew.org](http://www.stmarthadepew.org)

BDCL Family Website: [bdclfamily.org](http://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](http://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](mailto: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:

SUNDAY 12/15:	8:00AM	
	*10:00AM	
MONDAY 12/16:	8:15AM	
TUESDAY 12/17:	8:15AM	
WEDNESDAY 12/18:	8:15AM	
THURSDAY 12/19:	8:15AM	
FRIDAY 12/20:	8:15AM	
SATURDAY 12/21:	5:00PM	(Sunday Vigil)
SUNDAY 12/22:	8:00AM	
	*10:00AM	



✚ **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 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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: (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](http://school.olbsdepew.org)

PRINCIPAL: Nancy Kindred

Email: [nkindred@school.olbsdepew.org](mailto:nkindred@school.olbsdepew.org)

### FAITH FORMATION 716-685-2546

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Mrs. Jessica Szpylman

Email: [jszpylman@stmarthadepew.org](mailto:jszpylman@stmarthadepew.org)

#### ✚ PARISH BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS -

SEE PAGE 1 FOR HOLIDAY SCHEDULE!

Articles for the bulletin should be e-mailed to [thebulletinlady@roadrunner.com](mailto: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".

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 15, 2024



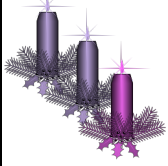
## "At a Glance"

### THIS WEEK @ St. Martha Parish



#### SUN 12/15 **Third 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 12/16 -8:15AM Daily Mass** (Church / Streamed)  
-5 Decade Rosary after Morning Mass (Chapel)  
-Eucharistic Adoration 9AM - 3PM (Chapel)

- TUES 12/17 -8:15AM Daily Mass** (Church / Streamed)  
-5 Decade Rosary after Morning Mass (Chapel)  
-Eucharistic Adoration 9AM - 3PM (Chapel)

- WED 12/18 -8:15AM Daily Mass** (Church / Streamed)  
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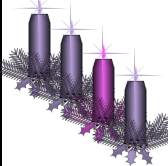
- THUR 12/19 -8:15AM Daily Mass** (Church / Streamed)  
-5 Decade Rosary after Morning Mass (Chapel)  
-Eucharistic Adoration 9AM - 3PM (Chapel)

- FRI 12/20 -8:15AM Daily Mass** (Church / Streamed)  
-5 Decade Rosary after Morning Mass (Chapel)  
-Eucharistic Adoration 9AM - 3PM (Chapel)

- SAT 12/21 -5:00PM Sunday Vigil Mass**  
(Church / Streamed)

#### SUN 12/22 **Fourth 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)



## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS for THESE HOLIDAY WEEKS

With Christmas and the New Year approaching the due date schedule for bulletin articles for the following weekends are:


**DECEMBER 21 & 22** (weekend before Christmas) - Articles needed by MONDAY 12/16 as usual.

**DECEMBER 28 & 29** (weekend after Christmas) - **\*\*Articles needed EARLY by FRIDAY 12/20.**

**JANUARY 4 & 5** (weekend after New Year's) - Articles needed by MONDAY 12/30 as usual.

PLEASE NOTE: Articles received late may not be able to be included. Thank you for your cooperation and have a...

*Very Merry Christmas and  
Healthy, Happy New Year!!*



**PICK UP Your  
Gift Card SCRIPT ORDERS  
This Weekend  
DECEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup> & 15<sup>TH</sup>!**



### **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.



### **Christmas Eve FAMILY MASS**

We will celebrate the next Family Mass at St. Martha Parish on Christmas Eve, **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>** at the **4:00PM Mass**.

Please join us for this special Christmas Eve Celebration as we celebrate the birthday of Jesus. 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. We ask all children to make and bring a birthday card for Jesus to place in the nativity. Please sign up through the St. Martha Facebook page or email Mrs. Szpylman at [jszpylman@stmarthadepew.org](mailto:jszpylman@stmarthadepew.org), Ms. Kucewicz at [skucewicz@school.olbsdepew.org](mailto:skucewicz@school.olbsdepew.org) or Mrs. Glaub at [cglaub@school.olbsdepew.org](mailto:cglaub@school.olbsdepew.org). **We ask that you sign up by Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> if you would like to read at mass.** Please consider joining us to celebrate the birthday of Jesus this Christmas Eve.



## PARISH COLLECTIONS:

### **ST. MARTHA PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

We offer an online giving option! Just click on the *donate now* button on our website [www.stmarthadepew.org](http://www.stmarthadepew.org). Your donation can be one time only, weekly, or monthly!

### **Time to PICK UP Your 2025 PARISH OFFERTORY ENVELOPES**

*The New Year is Almost Here!!*

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!!



## ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES



3PM & 7PM  
**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>**  
 @ Our Lady of Pompeii (129 Laverack Ave, Lancaster)

### BDCL Family Christmas Mass Schedule



#### CHRISTMAS EVE Tues, December 24<sup>th</sup>

**4:00PM** St. John the Baptist (*Family Mass*)  
**St. Martha** (*Family Mass*)  
 St. Mary of the Assumption  
 (*Church & Parish Center*)  
 St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta  
 St. Philip the Apostle

**4:30PM** Our Lady of Pompeii

**6:00PM** St. Mary of the Assumption

**7:00PM** St. Philip the Apostle

**10:00PM** Our Lady of Pompeii  
**St. Martha**

**11:00PM** St. John the Baptist

**MIDNIGHT** St. Mary of the Assumption  
 St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta



#### CHRISTMAS DAY Wed, December 25<sup>th</sup>

**8:30AM** St. John the Baptist

**9:00AM** **St. Martha**  
 St. Philip the Apostle  
 St. Teresa of Calcutta

**10:00AM** Our Lady of Pompeii  
 St. Mary of the Assumption

**11:00AM** St. John the Baptist  
 St. Philip the Apostle

**NOON** St. Mary of the Assumption

*May the Christmas Star shine into your heart and burn in your spirit bright*

#### SOLEMNITY of MARY Holy Day Wed, January 1<sup>st</sup>

##### Vigils - December 31<sup>st</sup>

**4:00PM** St. John the Baptist  
 St. Teresa of Calcutta

**4:30AM** St. Mary of the Assumption  
 St. Philip the Apostle

**5:00PM** **St. Martha**

**Holy Day - January 1<sup>st</sup>**

**9:00AM** **St. Martha**  
 St. Philip the Apostle

**10:00AM** St. John the Baptist  
 St. Mary of the Assumption

**11:00AM** Our Lady of Pompeii



## CHRISTMAS WAFERS AVAILABLE

Oplatek (*Christmas Wafers*) Now available in the front of the church! A \$2 dollar donation gratefully accepted.

### SYMPATHY

OUR PRAYERS AND CONDOLENCES TO THE  
 FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF:

† Janet Marie Foisset



### Knights of St. John

#### "21 CLUB" TICKETS are BACK!

\*\*\* GREAT Stocking Stuffers!! \*\*\*

This is a weekly drawing beginning on April 20, 2025 for \$100.00 each week for 20 weeks, Plus an Early Bird Bonus drawing for \$100.00 on MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup>! The final drawing on the 21<sup>st</sup> week is for one (1) Grand Prize Award of \$1000.00, plus 2<sup>nd</sup> prize award of \$500.00, 3<sup>rd</sup> prize award of \$500.00, 4<sup>th</sup> prize award of \$300.00, 5<sup>th</sup> prize award of \$200.00, and 6<sup>th</sup> prize award of \$100.00.



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 in December 2024 and January 2025!!

### 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.

- Crackers
- Cereal
- Coffee
- Knorr Sides
- Pancake Mix & Syrup

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

### VIRTUS Training Reminder

Just a friendly reminder to all our Virtus Trained Volunteers – please don't forget to go to [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org) to read this month's training bulletin. Thank you!!

### 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.







Family of Parishes Website: [Bdclfamily.org](http://Bdclfamily.org)

## FAMILY OF PARISHES INFORMATION

Parish ♦ Location ♦ Office Number ♦ Website

### Adoration, Confession, & Mass Times

#### **St. Philip The Apostle**

950 Losson Rd, Cheektowaga ♦ 716-668-8370 ♦ [spaparish.org](http://spaparish.org)

ADORATION: May-Oct, Last Tues 6:30-7:30pm

CONFESSION: Sat 3:30pm

MASSES: Mon-Thurs 9am, Fri 12pm, Sat 4:30pm, Sun 9am & 11am

#### **Our Lady of Pompeii**

129 Laverack Ave, Lancaster ♦ 716-683-6522 ♦ [olparish.com](http://olparish.com)

ADORATION: 1<sup>ST</sup> Fri: 12-6pm

CONFESSION: Sat 3:30pm

MASSES: Sat 4:30pm, Sun 10am & 11:30am

#### **St. Mary of the Assumption**

1 St Mary's Hill, Lancaster ♦ 716-683-6445 ♦ [stmarysonthehill.org](http://stmarysonthehill.org)

ADORATION: 1<sup>ST</sup> Fri 12:30-2:30pm

CONFESSION: Sat 6-6:30pm

MASSES: Mon-Fri 12pm (Chapel), Sat 7pm, Sun 10am & 12pm

#### **St. John the Baptist**

2021 Sandridge Rd, Alden ♦ 716-937-6959 ♦ [stjohnalden.com](http://stjohnalden.com)

ADORATION: 1<sup>ST</sup> Fri 9am-5pm

MASSES: Tues - Fri & First Sat 8:30am, 1<sup>ST</sup> Sat 8:30am (subject to clergy), Sat 4pm, Sun 8am & 11am

#### **St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta**

496 Terrace Blvd, Depew ♦ 716-683-2746 ♦ [bmtdepew.org](http://bmtdepew.org)

ADORATION: Tues: 7-8pm

CONFESSION: Sat 3pm

MASSES: Sat 4pm, Sun 8:30am

**Festival of Lessons and Carols** - a reflective service of Scripture and Song, on December 15 at 7 pm at Our Lady of Victory Basilica, 767 Ridge Rd., Lackawanna. And throughout this special season, come and view **Sacred Stories in Glass**, a close-up exhibit of some of the Basilica's beautiful stained-glass windows. Also, back by popular demand, Fr. Roy Herberger's unique collection of **Nativity Sets** from around the world will be on display. Both exhibits located in the lower level of the Shrine during regular Basilica hours from December 1 through January 5.

## ***A VOCATION VIEW***

### ***Third Sunday of Advent – December 15, 2024***

John the Baptist explained his actions, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming." Today's priests do the same: they baptize with water and tell us to watch for the coming of Jesus in glory. Join them in this mission! Contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5540 or visit [buffalovocations.org](http://buffalovocations.org)

## **✠ ST. MARTHA MASS INTENTION ✠**

### **MONDAY, DECEMBER 16**

8:15AM Deceased Members of the COYNE FAMILY - Family

### **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17**

8:15AM JOSEPH & PATRICIA McALLISTER - In Memory

### **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18**

8:15AM BRIAN JOSEPH MILLER - Family

### **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19**

8:15AM MERWIN & JEAN UEBELHOER - Family

### **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20**

8:15AM JOHN HERKO, JR. - Wife & Children

### **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21**

5:00PM LILLIAN TAYLOR - Family  
(Sunday Vigil)

### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22**

#### ***FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT***

8:00AM SAM & SHIRLEY CAROCCI - Kowalski Family  
10:00AM WILLIAM C. WEAVER - Family

## **Diocesan & Local ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

### **Mark Your Calendars for Upcoming Cathedral Events! -**

Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm – Solemn Advent Vespers (All are welcome!); Sunday, December 29, 2024 at 7 pm we will officially open the Jubilee Year and the Year of Healing with a stational Mass beginning in Cathedral Park with a candlelight procession. More information to follow!; & Sunday, January 5, 2025 at 2 pm – Lessons & Carols in Celebration of the Epiphany. 50 Franklin Street, Buffalo, New York 14202 (716) 854-5855 Ext. 525 [www.buffalocathedral.org](http://www.buffalocathedral.org) Facebook & Instagram @seanpaulfleming.

**Catholic Men's Conference of WNY** - will take place on March 29, 2025 at Cardinal O'Hara High School, 39 O'Hara Rd., Tonawanda. Feature speaker will be Fr. Larry Richards. Along with the speakers, confessions, adoration, and breakout discussions will be offered. Priests that can be available to hear confessions between 11 am-1 pm are sorely needed. Please call 716-868-5871.

## **LECTORS: DECEMBER 21 & 22**

5:00PM Steve Muise  
8:00AM Tim Mahony  
10:00AM Dave Ulatowski

