



Unified in Spirit & Faith

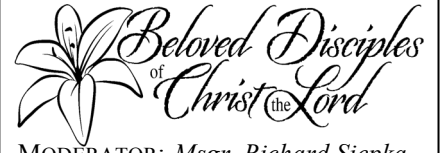
Saint Martha Parish

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:

SUNDAY 12/22:	8:00AM	
	*10:00AM	
MONDAY 12/23:	8:15AM	
TUESDAY 12/24:	4:00PM	Christmas Eve Family Vigil
	10:00PM	Christmas Eve late Vigil
WEDNESDAY 12/25:	9:00AM	Christmas morning Mass
THURSDAY 12/26:	8:15AM	
FRIDAY 12/27:	8:15AM	
SATURDAY 12/28:	5:00PM	(Holy Family Vigil)
SUNDAY 12/29:	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).



✚ **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 – 12 Noon
WEDNESDAY: CLOSED Christmas
THURSDAY: CLOSED
FRIDAY: 9:00AM – 4:00PM
(Closed daily from 12 Noon - 1PM for lunch)

A Child Is Born

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

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".

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 22, 2024



"At a Glance"

THIS WEEK @ St. Martha Parish

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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)

MON 12/23 -8:15AM Daily Mass (Church / Streamed)
-5 Decade Rosary after Morning Mass (Chapel)
-Eucharistic Adoration 9AM - 3PM (Chapel)
-OLBS School Holiday Break begins through 1/3/25



TUES 12/24 **Christmas Eve**
-4:00PM Christmas Family Mass
(Church / Live Streamed)
-10:00PM Christmas Evening Mass
(Church / Live Streamed)
-NO 8:15AM Daily Mass
-NO 5 Decade Rosary
-NO Eucharistic Adoration



WED 12/25 **Christmas Day**
-9:00AM Christmas Mass (Church / Streamed)
-Rectory CLOSED
-NO 8:15AM Daily Mass
-NO 5 Decade Rosary after Morning Mass
-NO Eucharistic Adoration 9AM - 3PM



THUR 12/26 -8:15AM Daily Mass (Church / Streamed)
-5 Decade Rosary after Morning Mass (Chapel)
-Rectory CLOSED
-NO Eucharistic Adoration 9AM - 3PM (Chapel)

FRI 12/27 -8:15AM Daily Mass (Church / Streamed)
-5 Decade Rosary after Morning Mass (Chapel)
-Eucharistic Adoration 9AM - 3PM (Chapel)

SAT 12/28 -5:00PM Sunday Vigil Mass
(Church / Streamed)

SUN 12/29 **The HOLY FAMILY
of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**
-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!

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CHRISTMAS WAFERS AVAILABLE

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

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 15TH! 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 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!!**



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 24TH** at the **4:00PM Mass**.

Please join us for this special Christmas Eve Celebration as we celebrate the birthday of Jesus. We ask all children to make and bring a birthday card for Jesus to place in the nativity. Please join us to celebrate the birthday of Jesus this Christmas Eve.



BDCL Family Christmas Mass Schedule


 Jesus
 is the reason for the
 season



CHRISTMAS EVE Tues, December 24th

- 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 25th

- 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 1st

Vigils - December 31st

- 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 1st
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



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!!

The Food Pantry COUNTS ITS BLESSINGS

As we prepare to welcome the Christ Child and look forward to a New Year, we would be remiss if we didn't stop to count our blessings.

This year, we have been busier than ever in the pantry. Sadly, we have seen the number of people in need increase. We are so very grateful for all the support we have received from St. Martha's Parish. Our appreciation extends from the OLBS school children to our Seniors, our Altar and Rosary Guild, Holy Name Society, the Knights of St. John, Coughlin's Club, fireman, postal workers, and the many benefactors that contribute groceries and monetary donations. These are just a few of the many helping hands who donate their efforts.

Not to be left out - our volunteers, who are top notch! They are the ones on the front lines, greeting our families and doing their best to preserve the dignity of these families, as they leave with their bags of food. Also, the day-to-day operations of the pantry runs smoothly due to our dedicated workers.

Once again, we ask for God's blessings and include you in our prayers of thanksgiving.

Giving Tree **THANK YOU!**

Once again, thank you for your gracious support of this year's Giving Tree. Nearly 300 people's lives were enriched by your generosity. Know that your kindness made a difference and your spirit touched a life. May the blessings of the Christ Child smile gently on you and yours, as we enter this holiest of seasons.



FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

We are most grateful for our parish's continued support of our pantry's efforts. Your help is critical to its success. We serve approximately 125 families and our shelves empty quickly. Barrels for donations are located in the vestibule. Below is our weekly "*Wish List*" which comes in handy when particular products run low, but ANY donations are always welcome and appreciated.

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

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



From THE BISHOP:

Catholic Education... It's everything you value!

We are excited to share a message of hope and renewal for Western New York's Catholic Elementary Schools. Like other Dioceses across the country, we have faced challenges; yet, through the collaboration of hundreds of people who are passionate about Catholic education, we are launching a strategy to ensure a brighter and stronger future for our schools.

Our Catholic schools will remain rich in tradition and academic excellence, wrapped in a Christ-centered, safe, and welcoming community. Throughout 2025, we'll share more exciting news. We are currently searching for a Diocesan Superintendent to lead our future strategy. Please spread the word.

Interested in being part of this exciting movement? Enroll your students or apply to join our highly qualified and dedicated team of educators at https://link.edgepilot.com/s/326b8948/hwkkLY0-XESuEouFgi_0wg?u=http://www.wnycatholicschools.org/.

Blessings,

Most Reverend Michael W. Fisher

Diocesan & Local Announcements:

A VOCATION VIEW

Fourth Sunday of Advent – December 22, 2024

The Visitation: Mary said “YES” to God’s plan, and she became a fountain of joy that spilled over to inspire her cousin Elizabeth and everyone around them. Be this source of inspiration for others! Follow God’s call to the priesthood or the religious life. Contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5540 or visit buffalovocations.org.

Mark Your Calendars for Upcoming Cathedral Events! -

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 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.

Festival of Lessons and Carols - at Our Lady of Victory Basilica, 767 Ridge Rd., Lackawanna - 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 through January 5.

✠ ST. MARTHA MASS INTENTION ✠

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

8:15AM SAMUEL EMMANUELE - Charlie & Anita Earley

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

(Christmas Eve)

(NO 8:15AM Mass)

4:00PM ALL PARISHIONERS

(Family Mass)

10:00PM ALL PARISHIONERS



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

(Christmas Day)

(NO 8:15AM Mass)

9:00AM ALL PARISHIONERS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26

St. Stephen, the First Martyr

8:15AM Deceased Members of the ZATKO, MALETA, TESLICHKO FAMILIES - Pat Zatko

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27

St. John, Apostle & Evangelist

8:15AM ANN & BILL PALMER - daughter, Mildred

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

5:00PM DAVID REDLINSKI - Dave & Linda Steinel
(Sunday Vigil)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

THE HOLY FAMILY

OF JESUS, MARY, & JOSEPH

8:00AM TIM & ANDREA RATKOVSKY - Kaczmarek Family

10:00AM FRANKLIN & LUCIA LEHNER - Children & Grandchildren

LECTORS:

DECEMBER 24 & 25 Christmas

4:00PM Parish Children (Family Mass)

10:00PM Steve Muise

9:00AM Mary Rose Ciskal

DECEMBER 28 & 29 Holy Family

5:00PM Dave Thomas

8:00AM Bob Kucewicz

10:00AM Pat Zatko

