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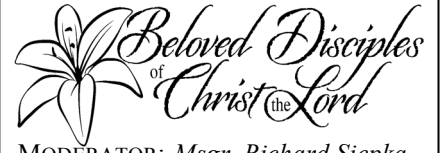
Saint Martha Parish

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:

SUNDAY 12/08:	8:00AM
	*10:00AM
MONDAY 12/09:	8:15AM & 11:00AM <i>Holy Day</i>
TUESDAY 12/10:	8:15AM
WEDNESDAY 12/11:	8:15AM
THURSDAY 12/12:	8:15AM
FRIDAY 12/13:	8:15AM
SATURDAY 12/14:	5:00PM (<i>Sunday Vigil</i>)
SUNDAY 12/15:	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 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: CLOSED *Immaculate Conception*
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".

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 8, 2024

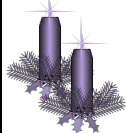


"At a Glance"

THIS WEEK @ St. Martha Parish



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)

MON 12/09 **Immaculate Conception**

Holy Day of Obligation



- 8:15AM & 11:00AM Holy Day Masses
(Church / Streamed)
- 5 Decade Rosary after Morning Mass (Chapel)
- Rectory **CLOSED**
- NO Eucharistic Adoration 9AM - 3PM (Chapel)
- YOGA CLASS 9-10AM (gym)
- SENIOR FITNESS CLASS 1-1:45PM (gym)

- TUES 12/10 -8:15AM Daily Mass (Church / Streamed)
-5 Decade Rosary after Morning Mass (Chapel)
-Eucharistic Adoration 9AM - 3PM (Chapel)

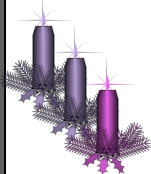
- WED 12/11 -8:15AM Daily Mass (Church / Streamed)
-5 Decade Rosary after Morning Mass (Chapel)
-Eucharistic Adoration 9AM - 3PM (Chapel)

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

- FRI 12/13 -8:15AM Daily Mass (Church / Streamed)
-5 Decade Rosary after Morning Mass (Chapel)
-Eucharistic Adoration 9AM - 3PM (Chapel)

- SAT 12/14 -5:00PM Sunday Vigil Mass
(Church / Streamed)

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)

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:



FAMILY ORNAMENTS

This weekend, December 7 & 8, the Ushers will hand out an ornament package to each parish family. Please assemble the ornament and place your family name on the tag provided. Attach the tag to the ornament. Then bring it back to church and place it on one of the trees on either side of the Jesse Tree to represent your family as part of our St Martha family. You may take your ornament back home the weekend of December 21 & 22 to place on your own tree in time for Christmas.



~ 2024 ~

**PLEASE RETURN ALL
ENVELOPES
THIS SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 8TH**

Gift Card SCRIPT ORDERS



This is the last weekend (Dec 7 & 8) OLBS School will be taking orders for SCRIP (*Raise Right*) after Masses. 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.



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!!

VIRTUS Training Reminder

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

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

Is being taken up this 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!



~ HOLY DAY ~

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

This 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:



- 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

YOGA @ ST. MARTHA

The LAST class is on **DECEMBER 9TH** from 9-10AM in the school gym. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a yoga mat. 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!

LAST date is **DECEMBER 9TH** in the school gym from 1:00-1:45PM Please **NOTE:** If the Lancaster School District closes for weather, the class will be cancelled.

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. 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. Szyelman at jszyelman@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 to celebrate the birthday of Jesus this Christmas Eve.



ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

Both dates and locations at 3PM & 7PM



- WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11TH**
- @ St. John The Baptist (2021 Sandridge Rd, Alden)
- WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18TH**
- @ Our Lady of Pompeii (129 Laverack Ave, Lancaster)

BDCL Family

Christmas Mass Schedule



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

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.

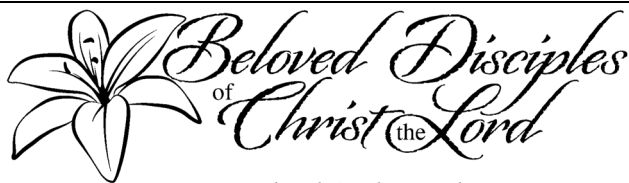


Knights of St. John

"21 CLUB" TICKETS are BACK!

Tickets make a 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!!**



Msgr. Richard Siepka, Moderator
Family of Parishes Website: 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

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 ♦ olpparish.com

ADORATION: 1ST 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

ADORATION: 1ST 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

ADORATION: 1ST Fri 9am-5pm

MASSES: Tues - Fri & First Sat 8:30am, 1ST 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

ADORATION: Tues: 7-8pm

CONFESSION: Sat 3pm

MASSES: Sat 4pm, Sun 8:30am

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. • Dish Soap • Laundry detergent

• Rice-a-Roni • Toothpaste • Shampoo

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

A VOCATION VIEW

Second Sunday of Advent – December 8, 2024

"Prepare the way of the Lord!" was the message of John the Baptist. The world needs to hear this more than ever. Our priests proclaim this prophetic message – and we need more of them to do it! Is God calling you to be His messenger? Contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5540 or visit buffalovocations.org.

✠ ST. MARTHA MASS INTENTION ✠

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED

VIRGIN MARY ~ Holy Day of Obligation

8:15AM PAUL & MARY ANN SEITZ - Seitz Family

11:00AM JULIA ZATKO - George & Linda

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

8:15AM GEORGE D. CIESLAR - daughter, Joyce

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

8:15AM MERWIN & JEAN UEBELHOER - Family

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:15AM BLANCHE SORGI - In Memory

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

8:15AM PETER PELLEGRINO - wife, Madalyn

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor

5:00PM JERRY KLEIN - wife, Pat

(Sunday Vigil)

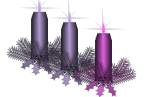
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00AM BETTY KILANOWSKI -

Ken & Theresa Kilanowski

10:00AM STANLEY WYPIJ - Melanie & Jeff Skinner



LECTORS: DECEMBER 13 & 14

5:00PM PJ Glauber

8:00AM Charlene Mahony

10:00AM Diane Trzaska

