



Unified in Spirit & Faith

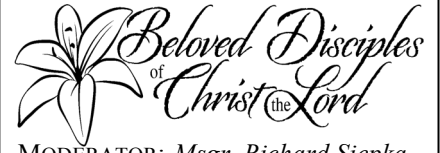
Saint Martha Parish

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**

MASS SCHEDULE:

SUNDAY 02/25:	8:00AM	
	*10:00AM	
MONDAY 02/26:	8:15AM	LENT
TUESDAY 02/27:	8:15AM	
WEDNESDAY 02/28:	8:15AM	
THURSDAY 02/29:	8:15AM	
FRIDAY 03/01:	8:15AM	
	7:30PM Stations of the Cross	
SATURDAY 03/02:	5:00PM (Sunday Vigil)	
SUNDAY 03/03:	8:00AM	
	*10:00AM	

❄️ **WINTER WEATHER NOTE:** If Lancaster Schools CLOSE so will ALL activities at St. Martha/OLBS (Adoration, Yoga, Mtgs., Rosary,...etc.)

✚ **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** MONDAY - FRIDAY 9AM to 3PM in the Chapel. (NOTE: Chapel will be CLOSED on Holy Days & Holidays.) 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:** MON - FRI @ NOON DURING LENT, 5-DECADE ROSARY 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 – 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)

FOOD 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)

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PARISH COUNCIL CHAIR: JoAnne Puccio

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Office Hours: Mon-Fri 7:30AM - 2:30PM

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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 PASTOR APPROVAL & NON-parish news is also subject to "available space".

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 25, 2024

"At a Glance"

THIS WEEK @ St. Martha Parish



SUN 02/25 *Second Sunday of LENT*

- 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 02/26**
- 8:15AM Daily Mass (Church / Streamed)
 - Eucharistic Adoration 9AM - 3PM (Chapel)
 - Daily Rosary 12 Noon (Church / Streamed)

- TUES 02/27**
- 8:15AM Daily Mass (Church / Streamed)
 - Eucharistic Adoration 9AM - 3PM (Chapel)
 - Daily Rosary 12 Noon (Church / Streamed)

- WED 02/28**
- 8:15AM Daily Mass (Church / Streamed)
 - Eucharistic Adoration 9AM - 3PM (Chapel)
 - Daily Rosary 12 Noon (Church / Streamed)

- THUR 02/29**
- 8:15AM Daily Lenten Mass (Church / Streamed)
 - Eucharistic Adoration 9AM - 3PM (Chapel)
 - Daily Rosary 12 Noon (Church / Streamed)
 - 20 Decade Rosary @ 6PM (Chapel)

- FRI 03/01**
- 8:15AM Daily Lenten Mass (Church / Streamed)
 - Eucharistic Adoration 9AM - 3PM (Chapel)
 - Daily Rosary 12 Noon (Church / Streamed)



- Lenten Fish Fry 4-7PM (Drive-Thru ONLY)
- Stations of the Cross @ 7:30PM



- led by Ushers & Greeters (Church)
- NOCTURNAL ADORATION 9PM-12AM (Church)

- SAT 03/02**
- 5:00PM Sunday Vigil Mass (Church / Streamed)
 - CORNHOLE MADNESS 6PM-11PM (gym)



SUN 03/03 *Third Sunday of LENT*

- 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!

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!



APPEAL 2024!

HOPE when you are troubled. For Luke, the traditional education system was always a challenge. As someone who struggled with math, he felt unsure of his future. That all changed when he started the GED program at Catholic Charities. Luke said the staff helped him balance work and school, and within six months, he obtained his high school diploma. The staff went above and beyond, he said, even helping him with financial aid and college applications. Last year, Luke graduated from Niagara County Community College and now works as a registered nurse at a local hospital. He has plans to continue his education and become a nurse practitioner or a certified registered nurse anesthetist. Your gift to Appeal 2024 means that we can continue to help students like Luke achieve their goals. You can be part of someone's success story! Give today at ccwny.org/donate or text HOPE4WNY to 44321.

HOME MISSIONS

The collection for the Black, Native American, and Hispanic Ministry Collection will be taken up the weekend of **MARCH 2nd & 3rd**. Please support our home missions!

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

OLBS SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE



**THURSDAY,
FEBRUARY 29TH
from
5:30PM -7:00PM**

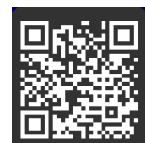
All current and prospective families with a child entering Pre-K 3 or 4, Kindergarten, or grades 1-3 in September 2024 are invited to attend!!

PRE-K 3, PRE-K 4, KINDERGARTEN, GRADES 1-3

Program Highlights:

- Affordable Tuition at a fraction of the cost of Daycare!
- Established Curriculum
- Safe, Nurturing Environment
- Strong Sense of Community
- Field Trips
- Daily classes in Spanish, Technology, Art, Physical Education, Music, and Library
- Suzuki Strings beginning in Kindergarten
- Extended Day - After School Program

Contact us at: 716-685-2544 or visit website: www.olbsdepew.org. If you can't make the Open House contact us to set up a private tour!



OLBS SUMMER CAMP

**JULY 8TH ~ AUGUST 16TH from 8AM-3PM
(Doors open at 7:45AM)**

Academic, fun, and creative activities for students who will have completed PK-3 to Grade 4. Cost is: 1 child \$300/week, 2 children \$500/week, 3 children \$750/week, and onetime nonrefundable registration/supply fee of \$45/child. Featuring FREE breakfast & lunch, weekly themes, morning academics, afternoon adventures, and arts & crafts. Prevent the "Summer Academic Slide"! More information, call 716-685-2544.

LENTEN ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Daily Rosary During Lent

During this season of Lent we will be offering the daily Rosary recitation **MONDAY thru FRIDAY at 12 NOON**. It is also available on our streaming service.



Stations of The Cross



During Lent on Fridays at 7PM

- @ Our Lady of Pompeii,
- @ Sacred Heart of Jesus, and
- @ St. Mary of the Assumption

During Lent every Friday at 7:30PM in church

@ **St. Martha** (Led by our various ministries)

Lenten Fish Fry

Every Friday during LENT
From 4PM-7PM

~DRIVE THRU ONLY~



Menu Available - **Cash or Credit Card Accepted**

Beer Battered Fish Fry	\$15
(w/homemade macaroni salad, coleslaw, fries, bread)	
Kid's Meal	\$6
(homemade macaroni & cheese, fries, applesauce)	
Clam Chowder (homemade).....	\$5

Lenten Parish Mission



UNCONDITIONALLY

“Finding Jesus in the Eucharist”

Mark your calendars for our BDCL Family 2-Day Parish Mission on **MARCH 11TH & 12TH, 7PM** at St. Philip the Apostle Parish (950 Losson Rd, Cheektowaga). Presented by Catholic Inspirational speaker and Author, Greg Wasinski. Topics are •*Why We Believe What We believe*, •*Gifts and Attributes of Jesus We receive in the Eucharist*, •*Living Daily as a Disciple*. Free will donations accepted. Refreshments follow each night.

REFRESHMENTS NEEDED!!

Baked goods are needed for the reception that will follow the Family of Parishes Lenten Mission held on March 11th & 12th at St. Philip the Apostle Parish this year. St. Martha Parish will be responsible for some of the refreshments for Monday, March 11th. We are asking parishioners if they could bring a “baked good” to the Mission on Monday night. All six parishes in the family will be participating and supplying refreshments for the event. Thank you in advance and hope to see everyone there!

BDCL Lenten Penance Services

Both at **3:00PM & 7:00PM**

MARCH 14TH @ St. Philip the Apostle
(950 Losson Rd, Cheektowaga)

MARCH 20TH @ St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta
(496 Terrace Blvd, Depew)



St. Martha Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday - March 24th

Masses Saturday at 5PM and Sunday at 8AM & 10AM.

Holy Thursday - March 28th

Mass at 7PM, Adoration till 10PM

Good Friday - March 29th

(NO Stations of the Cross)

Solemn Liturgical Service at 1:30PM

Tenebrae at 7:30PM.

Holy Saturday - March 30th

Blessing of Easter Baskets at 12 Noon.

(NO Easter Vigil Mass at St. Martha)

Easter Sunday - March 31st

Masses at 8AM and 10AM.

► We will be publishing the Liturgical schedule for all services in our Family of Parishes at a later date or visit bdclfamily.org.



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SENIOR MEETING

Our next Meeting is on **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH** at 1:30PM at the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church of George Urban Blvd. (next to the fire hall). Come Join us. ALL ARE WELCOME!

SENIOR FITNESS CLASS BEGINS!

St. Martha Parish is sponsoring a free senior fitness class with exercises tailored to people 65 and over. For all those who registered, the classes will begin on **Monday, March 4th in the school gym from 12:30-1:15PM** and continue for seven more weeks on the following Mondays: March 11th, 18th, April 8th, 15, 22nd, and May 6th & 20th. Please Note: No one can enter into the gym until after 12:20PM and if the Lancaster School District closes for weather, the class will be cancelled. All registered participants will receive an email with more details.

ST MARTHA BABY SHOWER



The weekend of **MARCH 16TH & 17TH** our parish will once again host a baby shower to benefit the newest location of the St. Gianna Molla Pregnancy Outreach Center. This is an outreach of the Pro-Life Office of the Diocese of Buffalo. Although any and all new donations are needed, the following are consistent needs:

- Diapers/Pull-ups
- Wipes
- Baby Wash and Lotion
- Bottles
- NB - 4T clothing (3T and 4T clothing are often hard to come by, warm clothing is especially needed)

Financial donations are also always appreciated. Checks can be made out to: *St. Martha Parish*. So many of us have been blessed. This shower offers us an opportunity to share our blessings with others.

SYMPATHY

OUR PRAYERS AND CONDOLENCES TO THE
FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF:

✠ Rita Ciezak



Altar & Rosary Guild 2024 ANNUAL CASH RAFFLE TICKET SALE!

Ticket sales after ALL weekend Masses. Tickets are just \$1.00 each or a book of 6 for \$5.00. There will be two (2) Early-bird drawings for \$100.00 each on *Sunday, March 10th* and *Sunday, April 14th*. The main drawing will be held on **SUNDAY, MAY 19TH** after the 10AM Mass. GET YOUR TICKET(S) NOW to have a chance at the early bird drawings and THESE PRIZES: 1st Prize \$600.00, 2nd Prize \$300.00, and 3rd Prize \$150.00. Thank you for your continued support of our Guild!

TIFFT FARM & THE SOLAR ECLIPSE

On **MONDAY, MARCH 4TH**, Tiff Nature Preserve Farm will be coming to our parish to explain the Solar Eclipse that is happening April 8th. This event is sponsored by the St. Martha Altar and Rosary Guild. The meeting should last about an hour, with refreshments following. It will begin at 7:15PM in the cafeteria, following a short Guild meeting. This is OPEN TO ALL PARISHIONERS! Everyone who attends will receive a pair of glasses to use during the eclipse.

Knights of St. John "21 CLUB" TICKETS

This is a weekly drawing for \$100.00 each week for 20 weeks. 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 is on March 17, 2024. 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.

WINGS (Women In God's Service)

The mission of the WINGS of St Martha Parish is to connect with the homebound of our parish. We send cards and provide small gifts to our homebound parishioners. This act of kindness lets them know they are prayed for and remembered by their parish community. **DO YOU HAVE A FRIEND OR FAMILY MEMBER THAT IS A PARISHIONER, AND CAN NO LONGER ATTEND MASS AT ST MARTHA PARISH, OR WHO IS CURRENTLY ILL OR RECOVERING FROM SURGERY?** If so, call the rectory and we will reach out to them. Thank you and may God bless.



SAVE THE DATE

St. Martha Parish will be hosting another Blood Drive with Connect Life this year on **SATURDAY, MARCH 16TH**. Please mark your calendar and come down to donate LIFE! Watch for more details as the date approaches.

YOGA @ ST. MARTHA

Classes offered on the following Tuesdays from 9-10AM in the school gym on: ♦March 5th, ♦March 19th, ♦April, 2nd, ♦May

7th, ♦May 21, ♦June 4th, and ♦June 18th. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a yoga mat. It is a gentle class and suitable for beginners and experienced. Pre-registering is suggested, but not required. To sign up, call Rosanne at the Rectory (716) 684-6342, Ext. 200. 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.

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

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

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

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

✠ ST. MARTHA MASS INTENTION ✠

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26

8:15AM FREDRICK & ELIZABETH STECK - Children

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

8:15AM DANIEL A. KOWALSKI - In Memory

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

8:15AM EDWIRN STUCKEL - Family

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29

8:15AM BETTY KILANOWSKI - Backstrom Family

FRIDAY, MARCH 1

8:15AM JOSEPH & PATRICIA McALLISTER -
In Memory

7:30PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS -
Led by Ushers & Greeters

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

5:00PM MELVIN KNOERL - Don & Shirley Cane
(Sunday Vigil)

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00AM DAVE & JANE FORSYTH -
Charlene & Tim Mahony

10:00AM ST. MARTHA ALTAR & ROSARY GUILD

LECTORS: MARCH 3 & 4

5:00PM PJ Glauber
8:00AM Gail Lucarelli
10:00AM Mary Rose Ciskal