



Unified in Spirit & Faith

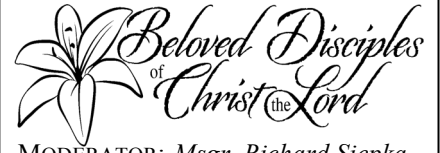
Saint Martha Parish

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 New Live Stream You Tube Page!" (No subscription is necessary to view here.) 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 01/07:	8:00AM	The Epiphany
	*10:00AM	The Epiphany
MONDAY 01/08:	8:15AM	
TUESDAY 01/09:	8:15AM	
WEDNESDAY 01/10:	8:15AM	
THURSDAY 01/11:	8:15AM	
FRIDAY 01/12:	8:15AM	
SATURDAY 01/13:	5:00PM	(Sunday Vigil)
SUNDAY 01/14:	8:00AM	
	*10:00AM	



✚ **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) or Mary Ann (716-681-5722). If you can't be there for your Hour call Sandie (716-395-3007) or Mary Ann.

✚ **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 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 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)

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

PARISH COUNCIL CHAIR: JoAnne Puccio

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

Office Hours: Mon-Fri 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 PASTOR APPROVAL & NON-parish news is also subject to "available space".



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 7, 2024

"At a Glance"

THIS WEEK @ St. Martha Parish

SUN 01/07 **THE EPIPHANY**



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

MON 01/08 **THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**



- 8:15AM Daily Mass** (Live Streamed / Church)
- Eucharistic Adoration 9AM - 3PM (Chapel)
- HOLY NAME Mtg 6:30PM (café)

- TUES 01/09** -8:15AM Daily Mass (Live Streamed / Church)
-Eucharistic Adoration 9AM - 3PM (Chapel)

- WED 01/10** -8:15AM Daily Mass (Live Streamed / Church)
-Eucharistic Adoration 9AM - 3PM (Chapel)

- THUR 01/11** -8:15AM Daily Mass (Live Streamed / Church)
-Eucharistic Adoration 9AM - 3PM (Chapel)
-20 Decade Rosary @ 6PM (Chapel)

- FRI 01/12** -8:15AM Daily Mass (Live Streamed / Church)
-Eucharistic Adoration 9AM - 3PM (Chapel)
-OLBS School Early Dismissal 11AM

- SAT 01/13** -5:00PM Sunday Vigil Mass
(Live Streamed / Church)

- SUN 01/14 2ND SUNDAY in Ordinary Time**
-5 Decade Rosary @ 7:25AM (Church)
-8:00AM Sunday Mass (Church / Live Streamed)
-5 Decade Rosary @ 9:25AM (Church)
-10:00AM Sunday Mass (Church / Live 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.stmarthadepew.org. Your donation can be one time only, weekly, or monthly!

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Knights of St. John "21 CLUB" TICKETS

This is a weekly drawing for \$100.00 each week for 20 weeks Plus and an Early Bird Bonus drawing on February 14th 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 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. **We will also be in back of the Church again selling tickets on the weekend of JANUARY 6/7.**



Diocese of Buffalo 25TH, 50TH, 60TH, & 70TH

2024 WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

On World Marriage Day, **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2024 at 10:30AM @ St. Joseph Cathedral, 50 Franklin St., Buffalo.** The Diocese of Buffalo and the Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Buffalo wishes to honor couples who will observe their **Silver 25th, Golden 50th, Diamond 60th, and Platinum 70th wedding anniversaries in 2024.** During the Mass, couples will be invited to renew their marriage vows. Following the Mass, photos with the Bishop can be taken and the couple will be given a small memento. A brunch will be available after Mass at St. Anthony of Padua Church Center (160 Court St., located in downtown Buffalo behind Buffalo City Hall). Registration is required. **The deadline to RSVP is Mon, January 8, 2024.** Please call the St. Martha Parish Office at 716-684-6342 Ext. 200 with your Names, date of marriage, address, phone number, and number of any guests accompanying you for this Mass and/or the brunch.

2023 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

If you RECEIVED A STATEMENT LAST YEAR you will automatically be sent one again this year. If you DID NOT receive one last year and need one - either **emailing your request with your name, address, and Parish envelope number to: info@stmarthadepew.org** or **Call the Rectory @ 684-6342 [ext 200] and leave a message with your name, address, and Parish envelope number.** [Please NOTE: By law, any contributions to be used as a 2023 tax deduction must be either postmarked or in the hands of the parish no later than December 31st of 2023. Checks received by the parish on or after January 1, 2024 and dated for 2023 are not eligible to be claimed for a 2023 tax deduction.]

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR CHARITABLE GIVING!

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!

Last Chance to PICK UP Your 2024 PARISH OFFERTORY ENVELOPES...

...Before they are moved to the Rectory! Please pick up your 2024 weekly offertory envelope boxes at the back of the church. Note they are in numerical sequence so just look for your number or if you're not sure, an alphabetical book is provided to look up your box number. Thank you for your cooperation!!

SYMPATHY

OUR PRAYERS AND CONDOLENCES TO THE
FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF:

✝ **MARLENE DRZEWIECKI**

✝ **JOAN T. PAPROCKI**

✝ **LISA HELDA**



SENIOR MEETING

On **MONDAY, JANUARY 8TH** at 1:30PM at the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church on George Urban Blvd (next to the fire hall). Come join us for a PIZZA PARTY. ALL ARE WELCOME!

HOLY NAME MEETING

Our next Holy Name meeting is this **MONDAY, JANUARY 8TH** starting with the rosary at 6:30PM in the cafeteria. Let's make 2024 a Holy & Joyful New Year!

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!

- Dish Soap
- Laundry detergent
- Rice-a-Roni
- Toothpaste
- Shampoo

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

YOGA @ ST. MARTHA

Classes are starting up again in the New Year! They will be offered on the following Tuesdays from 9-10AM in the school gym on: ♦Jan 16th, ♦Feb 13th, ♦March 5th, ♦March 19th, ♦April, 2nd, ♦May 7th, ♦May 21, ♦June 4th, and ♦June 18th.



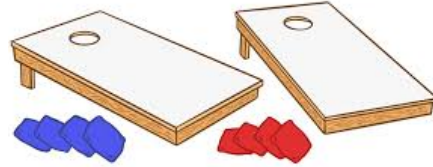
Wear comfortable clothing and bring a yoga mat. It is a gentle class and suitable for beginners and experienced alike. Pre-registering is suggested, but not required. To sign up, call Rosanne at the Rectory (716) 684-6342, Ext. 200. For more information or questions, contact Jane Schmitt @ (716) 984-6282.

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!!

CORNHOLE MADNESS IS BACK

SAVE THE DATE!!!



Cornhole Madness at St. Martha's returns for a second year on **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH**, running from 6PM to 11PM in the School Gym. Keep an eye out for details to follow. Reserve the date to join in on an evening of *COMPETITION, FUN, and CAMARADERIE!!!*

Come let us
Adore
Him



*Have a closer walk with Jesus in
2024...Take a minute to simply say,
"Thank you for all
my blessings last year."*

Eucharistic Adoration

Chapel Hours:

Monday through Friday, 9AM-3PM

For information on becoming an Adorer or making a prayer request, call Mary Ann @ 681-5722 or Pat @ 684-2596.



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.

A Letter From The Editor

As I reflect on this Christmas season and the past year, like many families mine was riddled with a variety of illnesses keeping some of us from gathering for the Christmas celebration. But at least it wasn't a blizzard!!

I feel like 2023 was a crazy year with too many "to dos," events, new beginnings, health issues, and unfortunately loss of loved ones. I guess that is life and certainly burdens we all bare. One thing that is clear, in my search for more Peace in 2024, I know the only path forward is with the Lord through faith!

I pray that all of you find more Peace in your lives this year, always remembering to give thanks for the many blessings, even if in a crazy form, that you have been given.

I also ask you all to continue to pray for Peace in our Country and World, which is in such need of the healing power of God. "Let us walk with each other..." "Let there be peace on earth and Let it begin with me (us)."

*I wish you God's Blessings and
A Happy, Healthy New Year!
The Bulletin Lady*

DIOCESAN & LOCAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Free Monthly Faith Enrichment Series



7PM-8PM at Our Lady of Pompeii Parish, 129 Laverack Ave, Lancaster, NY 14086 (716) 683-6522 www.olpparish.com. All are Welcome!
MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2024 - "Searching for God Through Art" with Alen Nowicki.

Happy New Year! Is giving back to your community one of your goals for 2024? If so, become a Catholic Charities volunteer!

For example, there are openings in the Foster Grandparent program working one-on-one with a child in an educational setting, as well as opportunities in the Immigration and Refugee Assistance program to support the newest community members who have been forced to start a new life for their own safety in a foreign country. Start the year by becoming a beacon of HOPE for those in need in Western New York. View all current opportunities at www.ccnmy.org/volunteer.

Retrouvaille

Thinking about separation or divorce? Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? Retrouvaille is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. The

program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages. For more information, call 716-474-9371 or visit <https://www.helpourmarriage.org/>. Upcoming weekend is January 26. Space is limited. All calls are confidential and pre-registration is required.

Diocesan Annual Mass in Remembrance of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. "Called by Name to Serve"

Sunday, January 21 at SS. Columba & Brigid, 75 Hickory St., Buffalo; Prelude at 9:45 am and Mass at 10 am. Celebrant: Bishop Michael Fisher; homilist: Msgr. Ray East. The Martin Luther King and Lenhard Scholarship recipients will be announced at the Mass. A reception featuring a basket raffle and 50/50 split raffle will be held following the Mass. To donate finger foods for the reception and/or theme baskets for the raffle which raises funds for the MLK Scholarship, contact the Office of Cultural Diversity at 716-847-2216.

✠ ST. MARTHA MASS INTENTION ✠

MONDAY, JANUARY 8

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



8:15AM DELLA CANE & HELEN SPIDER - Dan Cane

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

8:15AM SOPHIE & ALFRED KAZNOWSKI -
Dan & Arlene Miodonski

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

8:15AM BLANCHE SORGI - In Memory

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

8:15AM CECELIA BURKARD - John & Ann Wall

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

8:15AM Deceased Members of the KOSICKI &
KREMPA FAMILIES - Thomas & Stephanie Ptak

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

5:00PM FERN & ELNATHAN MILLER -
(Sunday Vigil) Brian Miller Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00AM VIRGINIA JASKIER - Jeff & Shirley Jaskier
10:00AM HOLY NAME SOCIETY

LECTORS: JANUARY 13 & 14

5:00PM Bob Kucewicz
8:00AM Charlene Mahony
10:00AM Pat Scharmach