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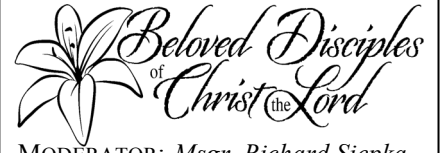
# Saint Martha Parish

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

### MASS SCHEDULE:

Holy Week



**PALM SUNDAY 03/24:** 8:00AM

\*10:00AM

MONDAY 03/25: 8:15AM

TUESDAY 03/26: 8:15AM

WEDNESDAY 03/27: 8:15AM

**HOLY THURSDAY 03/28:** 7:00PM (Adoration till 10PM)

**GOOD FRIDAY 03/29:** 1:30PM Solemn Liturgical Service

7:30PM Tenebrae Service

**HOLY SATURDAY 03/30:** 12:00PM Blessing of Baskets

(NO Easter Sunday Vigil at St. Martha)

**EASTER SUNDAY 03/31:** 8:00AM

\*10:00AM



### 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: **CLOSED** (Good Friday);

(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](http://school.olbsdepew.org)

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DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Mrs. Jessica Szpylman

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#### ✚ PARISH BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS -

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

❄ **WINTER WEATHER NOTE:** If Lancaster Schools CLOSE so will

ALL activities at St. Martha/OLBS (Adoration, Yoga, Mtgs., Rosary,...etc.)

✚ **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Holy Week: MON - WED 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 - WED @ NOON HOLY WEEK (ALSO STREAMED),** 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.

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

**MARCH 24, 2024**

**"At a Glance"**  
**HOLY WEEK @ St. Martha Parish**



**SUN 03/24 Palm Sunday**

- 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 03/25 -8:15AM Holy Week Mass** (Church / Streamed)  
 -Eucharistic Adoration 9AM - 3PM (Chapel)  
 -Daily Rosary 12 Noon (Church / Streamed)

- TUES 03/26 -8:15AM Holy Week Mass** (Church / Streamed)  
 -Eucharistic Adoration 9AM - 3PM (Chapel)  
 -Daily Rosary 12 Noon (Church / Streamed)

- WED 03/27 -8:15AM Holy Week Mass** (Church / Streamed)  
 -Eucharistic Adoration 9AM - 3PM (Chapel)  
 -Daily Rosary 12 Noon (Church / Streamed)

**THUR 03/28 Holy Thursday**

- NO School (*Easter Recess*)
- NO Eucharistic Adoration
- NO Rosary
- 7:00PM Holy Thursday Mass  
 (Adoration till 10PM, Church / Streamed)



**FRI 03/29 Good Friday**

- NO 8:15AM Mass
- NO School (*Easter Recess*)
- NO Eucharistic Adoration
- Rectory CLOSED
- 1:30PM Solemn Liturgical Service  
 (Church / Streamed)



- Lenten Fish Fry 4-7PM (Drive-Thru ONLY)
- 7:30PM Tenebrae Service  
 (Church / Streamed)

**SAT 03/30 Holy Saturday**

- NO Easter Sunday Vigil Mass
- 12:00PM Blessing of Easter Baskets

**SUN 03/31 Easter Sunday**

- NO Rosary before Masses
- 8:00AM Easter Sunday Mass  
 (Church / Streamed)
- 10:00AM Easter 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](http://www.stmarthdepew.org). Your donation can be one time only, weekly, or monthly!

**CHARITABLE GIVING NOTE**

When donating to second offerings, please use a SEPARATE CHECK in each envelope. Please do not include other offerings and envelopes inside your regular church offering envelope. Catholic Charities Donations should be made out directly to Catholic Charities and placed in a Catholic Charities envelope. This will help our collection counters a great deal and prevent errors.

We are so grateful for all of your charitable giving and thank you for your cooperation and helping us to direct your donations to the proper destination. May God bless you for your generosity!

**From FR. BART:**

**SPECIAL THANKS**

Thank you to all who generously donated to the St. Martha Baby Shower last weekend in support of the new St. Gianna Molla Center in Perry, New York, an outreach of the Pro-Life Office of the Diocese of Buffalo, that is in great need of assistance.

I especially want to give thanks to parishioners *Joan Kwiatkowski, Diane Trzaska, and Donna Speyer* for their dedicated efforts in organizing this collection here at St. Martha Parish.

May you all be richly blessed!

*Let us pray and care for each other ~ Fr. Bart*

**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!

**St Martha Baby Shower THANK YOU!**



Thank you to all who helped make our baby shower to benefit the newest St. Gianna Molla Pregnancy Outreach Center in Perry, NY a successful outpouring of love for the little ones most in need. Gifts ranged from handmade blankets to clothing for a variety of seasons, toys, books, bottles, wipes, pacifiers, a glider swing, and so many other items. The diapers donated will surely be most appreciated. In addition, \$1,535.00 was collected over the weekend, which will be used by the Center to assist expectant mothers and young families in need. Once again our Parish has shown a true commitment to helping others by respecting the dignity of human life. May God bless you!

**APPEAL 2024!**



**HOPE when you are troubled.** Dominic was ready to give up. "I had lost my job, had no relationships with anyone, and was having money problems. I was mad, sad and didn't see a future for me," he said. However, when he came to Catholic Charities, he discovered hope. **"For the first time I could remember, I felt like someone was really listening to me and wanted to help. If it hadn't been for them, I don't know where I'd be today."** Your gift to Appeal 2024 helps ensure that people like Dominic get help when they need it most. Give today at [ccwny.org/donate](http://ccwny.org/donate) or by texting HOPE4WNY to 44321.

## LENTEN ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### BDCL Family Holy Week Schedule



#### Palm Sunday - March 24<sup>th</sup>

##### **Usual Weekend Mass Schedule**

Our Lady of Pompeii - Sat 4:30PM, Sun 10 & 11:30 AM

Sacred Heart of Jesus - Sat 4PM, Sun 8:30AM

**St. Martha - Sat 5PM, Sun 8 & 10 AM**

St. Mary of the Assumption - Sat 7PM, Sun 10AM & NOON

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta - Sat 4PM, Sun 8:30AM

St. Philip The Apostle - Sat 4:30PM, Sun 9 & 11 AM

#### Holy Thursday - March 28<sup>th</sup>

**Masses:** Adoration at all Parishes until 10PM

6:30PM Our Lady of Pompeii

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

7:00PM Sacred Heart of Jesus

**St. Martha**

St. Mary of the Assumption

St. Philip the Apostle



#### Good Friday - March 29<sup>th</sup>

##### **Solemn Liturgical Service**

NOON Sacred Heart of Jesus

1:30PM **St. Martha**

3:00PM Our Lady of Pompeii

##### **Stations of the Cross**

NOON Sacred Heart of Jesus

6:30PM St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

7:00PM St. Philip the Apostle

##### **Taizé Service**

7:00PM St. Mary of the Assumption

##### **Tenebrae Service**

7:30PM **St. Martha**

8:00PM Our Lady of Pompeii



#### Holy Saturday - March 30<sup>th</sup>

##### **Blessing of the Baskets**

10:00AM Sacred Heart of Jesus, St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

11:30AM Our Lady of Pompeii

**NOON St. Martha, St. Mary of the Assumption, St. Philip the Apostle**

##### **Easter Vigil**

8:00PM Sacred Heart of Jesus & St. Mary of the Assumption

8:30PM St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta



#### Easter Sunday - March 31<sup>st</sup>

##### **Masses:**

6:30AM St. Mary of the Assumption (outdoors at Westwood Park)

8:00AM **St. Martha**

8:30AM Sacred Heart of Jesus & St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

9:00AM St. Philip the Apostle

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

11:00AM Sacred Heart of Jesus & St. Philip the Apostle

11:30AM Our Lady of Pompeii

NOON St. Mary of the Assumption



### Last OLBS Lenten Fish Fry

Good Friday from 4PM-7PM

~DRIVE THRU ONLY~



Menu Available - *Cash or Credit Card Accepted*

Beer Battered Fish Fry .....	\$15
Kid's Meal .....	\$6
Clam Chowder (homemade).....	\$5

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR POSITION

St Martha Parish has an opening for our full-time Maintenance Supervisor position. The Maintenance Supervisor is responsible for the care and upkeep of our buildings and grounds including cleaning, minor repairs, snow and garbage removal, attention to emergency and security situations, and facility set ups. This position requires a basic knowledge of cleaning, hand and power tools as well as our snow plow and fork lift (with mechanical aptitude), a valid NYS Driver's License in good standing, the ability to lift 50 lbs. minimum, stooping, standing, walking, bending etc. It also requires the ability to work well with others, supervise staff as well as volunteers, and written and oral communication skills. Resumes can be sent to: *Father Bart Lipiec c/o the Rectory, 10 French Rd, Depew NY 14043.*

### SENIOR MEETING

Our next meeting is on **MONDAY, MARCH 25<sup>TH</sup>** at 1:30PM at the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church on George Urban Blvd. (next to the fire hall). Come join us. ALL ARE WELCOME!

### ALTAR & ROSARY GUILD

PLEASE PLAN ON ATTENDING! Our April meeting has been changed to **TUESDAY, APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup>** at 6:30PM in Meeting Room A. It is our *Election Night* and don't forget a \$5.00 gift for our "Rolling for the Green" dice game event. No refreshments will be served, so please bring your own personal refreshments - Thank you!

### GUILD INSTALLATION DINNER

**MONDAY, MAY 6<sup>TH</sup>** at the Polish Villa on Union Rd, 6PM sharp. The new officers will be installed with dinner to follow. All you can eat Family style dinner, includes: Golabki, Breaded Pork Chops, Salad w/house dressings, Roasted Potatoes, Potato Pancakes, Sweet & Sour Cabbage, Dessert, and Coffee, Tea, or Milk. Cost is just \$28.00 and includes gratuity. Make check payable to: *St. Martha Altar & Rosary Guild* and mail before MAY 1<sup>ST</sup> to: *Mildred Stabler, 40 Green Terrace, Depew, NY 14043.* Feel free to BYOB (wine, etc). See you there!

### CALLING ALL SINGERS

If you love to sing and have a couple of hours in your Tuesday afternoon schedule, come and join us. The St. Martha Choir is looking for women and men of all ages. Rehearsal times have changed to Tuesday afternoons from 3:30-5PM. We hope that more people, that don't drive in the evening, can join us at this new day and time. You don't need any previous experience or the ability to read music. There is always someone to help you if you have questions or problems. All we ask is that you love to sing and are dedicated to coming to rehearsals and singing at the 10AM Mass on Sundays and special occasions. We rehearse September to mid June. We provide the music, the resources, and the fun. Come and see what you have been missing. Be part of the St Martha Choir family. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Jill at 716-684-1825.





**CONNECTLIFE  
BLOOD DRIVE**

The St. Martha Blood Drive helped save the lives of 54 local patients!! We had 18 units collected!! THANK YOU to all who came out to donate LIFE!!



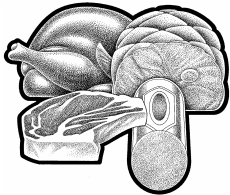
**FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS**

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!

- Spaghetti Sauce •Pasta (other than spaghetti)
- Condiments (Ketchup, mustard, mayo)
- Tissues •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.

**MEAT RAFFLE**



OLBS school is hosting a parish meat raffle on **SATURDAY, APRIL 20<sup>TH</sup>**. \$10 a ticket or \$70 a table. Doors open at 6PM with the First spin at 7PM. TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AFTER ALL MASSES or contact us at [play@school.olbsdepew.org](mailto:play@school.olbsdepew.org) to reserve your spot!!

**YOGA @ ST. MARTHA**

Classes offered on the following Tuesdays from 9-10AM in the school gym on: ♦April, 2<sup>nd</sup>, ♦May 7<sup>th</sup>, ♦May 21, ♦June 4<sup>th</sup>, and ♦June 18<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**SENIOR FITNESS CLASSES!**

St. Martha Parish is sponsoring a free senior fitness class with exercises tailored to people 65 and over. For all those who registered, the next class will be on **Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup> in the school gym from 12:30-1:15PM** and continue on the following Mondays: April 22<sup>nd</sup>, May 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>, and June 3<sup>rd</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**Altar & Rosary Guild 2024 ANNUAL CASH RAFFLE TICKET SALE!**

Please note there will be NO Ticket sales the weekends of Palm Sunday, March 23<sup>RD</sup> & 24<sup>TH</sup> & Easter Sunday, March 30<sup>TH</sup> & 31<sup>ST</sup>. 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 10<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. The main drawing will be held on **SUNDAY, MAY 19<sup>TH</sup>** after the 10AM Mass. GET YOUR TICKET(S) NOW to have a chance at the early bird drawings and THESE PRIZES: 1<sup>st</sup> Prize \$600.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize \$300.00, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize \$150.00. Thank you for your support of our Guild!

**OLBS SUMMER CAMP**

**JULY 8<sup>TH</sup> ~ AUGUST 16<sup>TH</sup> 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.



**~ VOCATIONS ~**

**Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion – March 24, 2024**

The crowds acclaimed Jesus as He rode into Jerusalem, then days later they demanded His crucifixion. Public opinion can change in an instant. We instead follow the consistent direction of Almighty God. If God is calling you to a Church vocation, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit [buffalovocations.org](http://buffalovocations.org).

**✠ ST. MARTHA MASS INTENTION ✠**

**MONDAY of Holy Week, MARCH 25**

8:15AM RAYMOND R. MENDEL - Daughter

**TUESDAY of Holy Week, MARCH 26**

8:15AM LEON STEIN - Dick & Sue Kraft

**WEDNESDAY of Holy Week, MARCH 27**

8:15AM EDMUND LIPIEC - Family

**HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 28**

*Mass of the Lord's Supper*

7:00PM ALL PRIESTS

(Adoration till 10PM)

**GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29**

*Friday of the Passion of the Lord*

(NO Morning Mass)

1:30PM Solemn Liturgical Service

7:30PM Tenebrae Service

**HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 30**

(NO Easter Sunday Vigil)

12:00PM Blessing of Easter Food/Baskets

**EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31**

*EASTER SUNDAY OF THE*

*RESURRECTION OF THE LORD*

8:00AM ST. MARTHA PARISHIONERS

10:00AM ST. MARTHA PARISHIONERS

**LECTORS: MARCH 28, 29, & 31**

7:00PM Elizabeth Trzaska (Holy Thursday)

1:30PM Conrad Young (Good Friday Liturgical Service)

8:00AM Gail Lucarelli (Easter Sunday)

10:00AM Elizabeth Trzaska (Easter Sunday)