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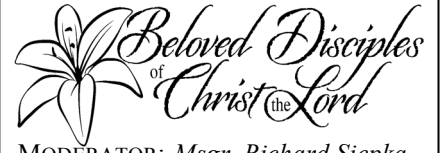
Saint Martha Parish

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**

MASS SCHEDULE:

3 RD SUNDAY 03/03:	8:00AM	
	*10:00AM	
MONDAY 03/04:	8:15AM	LENT
TUESDAY 03/05:	8:15AM	
WEDNESDAY 03/06:	8:15AM	
THURSDAY 03/07:	8:15AM	
FRIDAY 03/08:	8:15AM	
	7:30PM Stations of the Cross	
SATURDAY 03/09:	5:00PM (Sunday Vigil)	
4 TH SUNDAY 03/10:	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)

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✚ 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 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 3, 2024

"At a Glance"

THIS WEEK @ St. Martha Parish



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)

- MON 03/04**
- 8:15AM Daily Mass (Church / Streamed)
 - Eucharistic Adoration 9AM - 3PM (Chapel)
 - Daily Rosary 12 Noon (Church / Streamed)
 - SENIOR FITNESS CLASS 12:30-1:15PM (gym) *You must be registered to attend
 - ALTAR & ROSARY GUILD Mtg 6:15PM (café)
 - SOLAR ECLIPSE Tiff Farm Speakers 7:15PM Sponsored by the Guild (café)

- TUES 03/05**
- 8:15AM Daily Mass (Church / Streamed)
 - YOGA 9-10AM (gym)
 - Eucharistic Adoration 9AM - 3PM (Chapel)
 - Daily Rosary 12 Noon (Church / Streamed)

- WED 03/06**
- 8:15AM Daily Mass (Church / Streamed)
 - Eucharistic Adoration 9AM - 3PM (Chapel)
 - Daily Rosary 12 Noon (Church / Streamed)

- THUR 03/07**
- 8:15AM Daily Lenten Mass (Church / Streamed)
 - Eucharistic Adoration 9AM - 3PM (Chapel)
 - Daily Rosary 12 Noon (Church / Streamed)
 - 20 Decade Rosary @ 6PM (Chapel)

- FRI 03/08**
- 8:15AM Daily Lenten Mass (Church / Streamed)
 - NO School, Superintendent Day
 - 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 Children of the Parish (Church)

- SAT 03/09** -5:00PM Sunday Vigil Mass (Church / Streamed)

SUN 03/10 *Fourth 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 homeless. For Joseph, coming to Catholic Charities was a reprieve against the troubles he was facing while homeless. "Your light was on. It was a miracle," he said, adding that he was beginning to lose hope. Joseph was able to get a warm meal, new clothing since his clothes were wet, an hour to charge his phone and a day pass to a local shelter. Our Catholic Charities employee who assisted Joseph that day said, "He was beyond pleased with the service he received. We didn't fix his entire life, but sometimes being here is all someone needs." **You can choose to be there for those in need, too.** Your gift to the Appeal helps us continue to help people who turn to us when there is nowhere else to go. Give today at ccwny.org/donate or by texting HOPE4WNY to 44321.

HOME MISSIONS

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

LENTEN ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Lenten Parish Mission

UNCONDITIONALLY

"Finding Jesus in the Eucharist"

2 DAY PARISH MISSION

MARCH 11 - 12, 2024
7:00 PM



Topics:

- Why We Believe What We Believe
- Gifts & Attributes of Jesus We Receive in the Eucharist
- Living Daily as a Disciple

Presented by
Catholic, Inspirational,
Speaker & Author
Greg Wasinski

Sponsored by the Roman Catholic Family of Parishes



Our Lady of Pompeii | Sacred Heart of Jesus | St. Martha
St. Mary of the Assumption | St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta | St. Philip the Apostle

Free Will Donations Accepted
Refreshments Follow Each Night

Mission will be at: **St. Philip the Apostle Parish**

716-668-8370 ~ 950 LOSSON RD ~ CHEEKTOWAGA, NY 14227
www.bdclfamily.org

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!

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~



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)



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS:

BDCL MEETING MINUTES

PLEASE PICK UP A COPY OF THE FEBRUARY BDCL FAMILY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES LOCATED ON THE TABLES AT THE CHURCH ENTRANCES NEXT TO THIS WEEKEND'S BULLETIN.

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. Hope to see you this week!



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.

ALTAR & ROSARY GUILD

Our next Meeting is on **MONDAY, MARCH 4TH in the cafeteria at 6:15PM SHARP!** Please note time change due to our guest speakers talking about the solar eclipse. Our *Rolling For The Green* dice game has been postponed until our April meeting. Please invite your friends to join us. Hope to see everyone there!

TIFFT FARM & THE SOLAR ECLIPSE

On **MONDAY, MARCH 4TH**, Tifft 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.

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 support of our Guild!*



CONNECTLIFE

BLOOD DRIVE

Saturday, March 16th from 10AM - 2PM here at St. Martha

on the *ConnectLife* Bus in the parking lot. Get a *Pint for a Pint* - All March donors will receive a coupon for a **FREE** pint of Perry's Ice Cream. To make an appointment:

- ◆ Scan the QR code ⇨ ⇨ ⇨ ⇨ ⇨ ⇨ ⇨ ⇨
- ◆ Call 716-529-4270 or
- ◆ Visit ConnectLifeGiveBlood.org and enter sponsor code: 000921.



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.



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.



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

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.

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!

- 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.

DIOCESAN/LOCAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:



ALL ARE INVITED TO...

Diocesan Synod on Synodality Listening Session on **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13TH from 6:30PM to 8:00PM** at Resurrection Parish Center (130 Como Park Blvd., Buffalo NY 14227.

Bishops, priests, deacons, consecrated religious, and laity gathered around the Holy Father in Rome from Oct 4th-29th, 2023. Their mission? To begin the next stage of the Synod on Synodality. After gathering information at the diocesan, regional, and continental stages, it was time to begin a conversation on what is a synodal church. The desire of the Synod participants can be summed up in the last paragraph of the introduction to the synthesis from the first session. "We carry in our hearts the desire, sustained by hope, that the climate of mutual listening and sincere dialogue that we experienced during the days of common work in Rome will radiate in our communities and throughout the world, at the service of the growth of the good seed of the Kingdom of God."

The synthesis report is broken into three parts: 1. The face of synodal church, 2. All disciples, all missionaries, 3. Weaving bonds, building community. Each part has subtopic, which are broken down into *Convergence*, *Matters for Consideration*, and *Proposals*. These proposals are being taken back to local episcopal conferences and hierarchical structures of the Eastern Catholic Churches. For us locally in the US that means the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops which met for its fall general assembly the week prior to Thanksgiving in Baltimore. There are many preliminary steps that must be taken before the 2nd and final session in October 2024.

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS:



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.

✚ ST. MARTHA MASS INTENTION ✚

MONDAY, MARCH 4

8:15AM SHARON MAHONY -
Eleanor Asztemborski & Debbie Wojtulski

TUESDAY, MARCH 5

8:15AM ANDREW & JULIA LIPIEC - daughter, Theresa

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

8:15AM FEST & STOECKL FAMILIES - Carol Fest

THURSDAY, MARCH 7

8:15AM MICHAEL GLINSKI - Don & Joan Glinski & Family

FRIDAY, MARCH 8

8:15AM JOE C. WALDEN - Jim & Donna Speyer
7:30PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS -
Led by Children of the Parish

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

5:00PM MATTHEW CHOWANIEC - Family
(Sunday Vigil)

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00AM SAMUEL & FRANCES EMMANUELE - Family
10:00AM THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY

LECTORS: MARCH 10 & 11

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