



Unified in Spirit & Faith

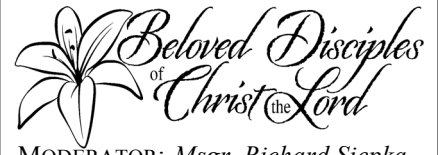
Saint Martha Parish

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**

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE:

SUNDAY 12/29:	8:00AM	<i>A Child Is Born</i>
	*10:00AM	
MONDAY 12/30:	8:15AM	
TUESDAY 12/31:	5:00PM	(Holy Day Vigil)
WEDNESDAY 01/01:	9:00AM	Solemnity of Mary Holy Day
THURSDAY 01/02:	8:15AM	
FRIDAY 01/03:	8:15AM	
SATURDAY 01/04:	5:00PM	(Epiphany Vigil)
SUNDAY 01/05:	8:00AM	<i>Come let us Adore Him</i>
	*10:00AM	



RECTORY OFFICE 716-684-6342

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E-MAIL: INFO@STMARTHADPEW.ORG

OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY: 9:00AM – 4:00PM
 TUESDAY: 9:00AM – 4:00PM
 WEDNESDAY: CLOSED Holy Day/New Year's
 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: (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

✚ **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.) See "At a Glance". 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).



✚ **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.

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

Office Hours:

Monday-Friday 7:30AM - 2:30PM

WEBSITE: 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 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".

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, & JOSEPH

DECEMBER 29, 2024

The Food Pantry COUNTS ITS BLESSINGS

As we celebrate Christmas and look forward to a New Year, we would be remiss if we didn't stop to count our blessings.

This year, we have been busier than ever in the pantry. Sadly, we have seen the number of people in need increase. We are so very grateful for all the support we have received from St. Martha's Parish. Our appreciation extends from the OLBS school children to our Seniors, our Altar and Rosary Guild, Holy Name Society, the Knights of St. John, Coughlin's Club, fireman, postal workers, and the many benefactors that contribute groceries and monetary donations. These are just a few of the many helping hands who donate their efforts.

Not to be left out - our volunteers, who are top notch! They are the ones on the front lines, greeting our families and doing their best to preserve the dignity of these families, as they leave with their bags of food. Also, the day-to-day operations of the pantry runs smoothly due to our dedicated workers.

Once again, we ask for God's blessings and include you in our prayers of thanksgiving.

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

We are most grateful for our parish's continued support of our pantry's efforts. Your help is critical to its success. We serve approximately 125 families and our shelves empty quickly. Barrels for donations are located in the vestibule. Below is our weekly "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.

Diocesan & Local Announcements:

Get into the spirit of the season by coming to Our Lady of Victory Basilica in Lackawanna to view Sacred Stories in Glass - a close-up exhibit of some of the Basilica's magnificent stained-glass windows. Also, back by popular demand, Fr. Roy Herberger's unique collection of **Nativity Sets** from around the world are still on display. Both exhibits located in the lower level of the Shrine during regular Basilica hours through January 5. A special event entitled "**Kids under the Dome**," a fun evening for kids and families, is scheduled for Saturday, January 4 from 5:30-7:30 pm. Bring a blanket or sleeping bag and wear comfy clothes/pajamas to lie under the dome of our beautiful Basilica. During this event you will enjoy pizza, snacks, hot cocoa, kid friendly activities like coloring crafts and a scavenger hunt, and a Christmas carol sing-a-long. The evening is free but you do need to register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/olv-kids-night-under-the-dome-tickets-1090087574279>.

A VOCATION VIEW

Feast of the Holy Family – December 29, 2024

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph all had to make sacrifices to accomplish the Will of God. Let's all be open to the idea that God might call one of our children or grandchildren to serve the Church as a priest or religious sister. Let us never stand in the way of those whom God has called. For help in discerning God's will, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5540 or visit buffalovocations.org.

✠ ST. MARTHA MASS INTENTION ✠

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30

8:15AM TONY FEST - Carol & Don Fest

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31

(New Year's Eve)

8:15PM DENISE GRANDE - Tony & Barb Stang

5:00PM LUIS (TONY) GARCIA -

(Holy Day Vigil) Aunt Kate & Uncle Stephen

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1

THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Holy Day of Obligation (New Year's Day)

(NO 8:15AM Mass)

9:00AM GEORGE D. CIESLAR, JR. - sister, Joyce

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2

*St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory Nazianzen,
Bishops & Doctors*

8:15AM JOAN PAPROCKI - Family

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

5:00PM BOB RUSINEK - Wife & Family

(Sunday Vigil)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

8:00AM STANLEY & EDNA CHOWANIEC & SONS -
Family

10:00AM ALTAR & ROSARY GUILD

LECTORS:

DECEMBER 31 & JANUARY 1 Holy Day

5:00PM Dave Thomas

9:00AM Pat Zatko

JANUARY 4 & 5 Epiphany

5:00PM Dave Ulatowski

8:00AM Bob Kucewicz

10:00AM Mary Rose Ciskal



JESUS
is the reason for the season

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