



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 02/18:	8:00AM	
	*10:00AM	
MONDAY 02/19:	8:15AM	LENT
TUESDAY 02/20:	8:15AM	
WEDNESDAY 02/21:	8:15AM	
THURSDAY 02/22:	8:15AM	
FRIDAY 02/23:	8:15AM	
	7:30PM Stations of the Cross	
SATURDAY 02/24:	5:00PM (Sunday Vigil)	
SUNDAY 02/25:	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: **CLOSED** (Presidents' Day);
 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 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 18, 2024

"At a Glance"

THIS WEEK @ St. Martha Parish



SUN 02/18 *First 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 02/19 *PRESIDENTS' DAY*



- 8:15AM Daily Mass (Church / Streamed)
- Rectory CLOSED
- NO School - Mid-Winter Break
- NO Eucharistic Adoration 9AM - 3PM (Chapel)
- Daily Rosary 12 Noon (Church / Streamed)

TUES 02/20 -8:15AM Daily Mass (Church / Streamed)

- NO School - Mid-Winter Break
- Eucharistic Adoration 9AM - 3PM (Chapel)
- Daily Rosary 12 Noon (Church / Streamed)

WED 02/21 -8:15AM Daily Mass (Church / Streamed)

- NO School - Mid-Winter Break
- Eucharistic Adoration 9AM - 3PM (Chapel)
- Daily Rosary 12 Noon (Church / Streamed)

THUR 02/22 -8:15AM Daily Lenten Mass (Church / Streamed)

- NO School - Mid-Winter Break
- Eucharistic Adoration 9AM - 3PM (Chapel)
- Daily Rosary 12 Noon (Church / Streamed)
- 20 Decade Rosary @ 6PM (Chapel)

FRI 02/23 -8:15AM Daily Lenten Mass (Church / Streamed)

- NO School - Mid-Winter Break
- 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 Eucharistic Ministers (Church)

SAT 02/24 -5:00PM Sunday Vigil Mass (Church / Streamed)

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)

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 hungry. Taylor and his son were homeless, and after living in a hotel for several months, they were moved to a shelter with a shared kitchen space. Taylor's son has health issues that require him to have fruit in his diet. However, with a fixed income, affording fresh produce was a challenge. There was also a concern that if he bought frozen fruit it may be taken. He hoped to get fresh fruit to keep in his own space for his son. Taylor came to Catholic Charities to see if we could help, and to his relief, we could! Gift cards allowed him to purchase the much-needed fruit. The annual Appeal makes special situations like this possible, so your support today is crucial for helping people like Taylor and his son. Please give at ccwny.org/donate or by texting HOPE4WNY to 44321.

CHURCH IN CENTRAL and EASTERN EUROPE & CATHOLIC LEAGUE

This special collection for the *Church in Central and Eastern Europe & Catholic League for Religious Assistance to Poland* is being taken up this weekend, **FEBRUARY 17th & 18th**. Your gift will help educate seminarians, assist poor parishes, and supply liturgical vestments and sacred vessels. Help the Church in Poland!

From FR. BART:



LENT

What is The Purpose of Lent

There are many elements to the season of Lent - prayer, fasting, or living a more virtuous life. The gospels throughout this season of Lent tends to deflate egos and to deflate our inflated sense of self while challenging us to any self deceit about the quality of our lives as followers of Christ. The gospels hit us again and again with demands which we not only fail to live up to, but which we come to recognize are quite beyond us. The gospel passages are meant to trouble us, to confront our illusions about ourselves, "Remember, you are dust...." From this perspective Lenten penance may be more effective if we fail in our resolutions than if we succeed. For its purpose is not to confirm us in our sense of virtue, but to bring us home to a radical need for God's salvation.

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

LENTEN ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Daily Rosary During Lent

During this season of Lent we will once again be offering the daily Rosary recitation **MONDAY thru FRIDAY at 12 NOON**. It will also be available on our streaming service. A wonderful opportunity to share in the spirit of Lent by setting aside some time to reflect on the mysteries of Christ's life through the Rosary.



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

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 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)



Lenten Parish Mission



UNCONDITIONALLY

"Finding Jesus in the Eucharist"

Mark you 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. The Mission will be held on March 11th & 12th. It will take place 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!

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.



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SYMPATHY

OUR PRAYERS AND CONDOLENCES TO THE
FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF:

✠ **Richard Pietras**



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.

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!*

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

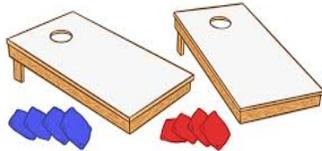
*AS ALWAYS, IF THERE IS A NEED AND WE MAY BE OF ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CALL THE PANTRY AT 716-206-0387.

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.

CORNHOLE MADNESS Next Saturday!

A Family of Parishes event at St. Martha's returns for a second year on **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH** running from 6PM to 11PM in the School Gym. Admission is \$15 and includes 2 slices of pizza and a beverage. You are welcome to bring your favorite snacks for your table. Cornhole entry is \$5 per tournament. Cash prizes to the winners. 50/50 Drawing. This event is for Adults 21 years and up. Ticket sales continue after all masses this weekend - February 10th & 11th. Exact cash or check preferred. Or, call Pat Reinbold @ (716) 822-5480. Plan on joining in on an evening of *COMPETITION, FUN, and CAMARADERIE!!!*



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 will be 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 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. **PLEASE NOTE:** If the Lancaster School District is closed for weather, the class will be canceled.



SAVE THE DATE...March 16th & 17th

St. Gianna Molla BABY SHOWER

We will once again be sponsoring a "Baby Shower" to collect much needed baby items and financial donations for the *St. Gianna Molla Pregnancy Outreach Center* (an outreach of the Pro-Life Office of the Diocese of Buffalo). Please watch the bulletin for more details!!

St. Martha SENIOR GROUP TRIP

We are participating in a 3 day, 2 night excursion **JULY 9TH -11TH** to see "Daniel" at the Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA. This is a bible story performed on stage. For further information or flyer on this one and other trips available, call or text Les Wrobel at (716) 491-1961. Hope you can join us!

✠ ST. MARTHA MASS INTENTION ✠

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19

(Presidents' Day)

8:15AM TONY FEST - Carol & Don Fest

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

8:15AM STANLEY & CHARLOTTE KOSICKI -
Stephanie & Thomas Ptak

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

8:15AM KEN HERBERGER - wife, Joanne

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22

The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

8:15AM LUCY NEBRICH - Michael Nebrich

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

8:15AM JOSEPH, STANLEY, & CHRISTINE
PASTERNAK -

Pasternak, Henry, & Sweda Families

7:30PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS -

Led by Eucharistic Ministers

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

5:00PM PAUL PRUSAKOWSKI - In Memory
(Sunday Vigil)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00AM STANLEY ZAK - Children & Grandchildren

10:00AM PATRICIA EDBAUER - husband, Vince

LECTORS: FEBRUARY 24 & 25

5:00PM Steve Muise

8:00AM Art Movalli

10:00AM Conrad Young