



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](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:

7 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY of Easter 05/12:	8:00AM	<i>Happy Mother's Day</i>
	*10:00AM	
MONDAY 05/13:	8:15AM	
TUESDAY 05/14:	8:15AM	
WEDNESDAY 05/15:	8:15AM	
THURSDAY 05/16:	8:15AM	
	7:00PM	Confirmation
FRIDAY 05/17:	8:15AM	
SATURDAY 05/18:	5:00PM	(Sunday Vigil)
<b>PENTECOST SUNDAY 05/19:</b>	<b>8:00AM</b>	
	<b>*10:00AM</b>	(First Eucharist)



### 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: 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

✚ **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:** 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.

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

**Office Hours: Mon-Fri 7:30AM - 2:30PM**

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

PRINCIPAL: Nancy Kindred

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### FAITH FORMATION 716-685-2546

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Mrs. Jessica Szpylman

Email: [jszpylman@stmarthadepew.org](mailto:jszpylman@stmarthadepew.org)

#### ✚ 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 FR. BART'S APPROVAL & NON-parish news is also subject to "available space".

## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### MAY 12, 2024

## *"At a Glance"*

### **THIS WEEK @ St. Martha Parish**



SUN 05/12 *7<sup>TH</sup> Sunday of EASTER*



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

MON 05/13 -8:15AM Daily Mass (Church / Streamed)  
-Eucharistic Adoration 9AM - 3PM (Chapel)  
-HOLY NAME Mtg 6:30PM (café)  
-GARDEN ANGELS Mtg 7PM (Rm A)

TUES 05/14 -8:15AM Daily Mass (Church / Streamed)  
-Eucharistic Adoration 9AM - 3PM (Chapel)

WED 05/15 -8:15AM Daily Mass (Church / Streamed)  
-Eucharistic Adoration 9AM - 3PM (Chapel)

THUR 05/16 -8:15AM Daily Mass (Church / Streamed)  
-Eucharistic Adoration 9AM - 3PM (Chapel)  
-Confirmation Mass 7PM (Church)  
-NO 6PM Rosary

FRI 05/17 -8:15AM Daily Mass (Church / Streamed)  
-Eucharistic Adoration 9AM - 3PM (Chapel)

SAT 05/18 -5:00PM Pentecost Sunday Vigil Mass (Church / Streamed)

SUN 05/19 *Pentecost Sunday*



- 5 Decade Rosary @ 7:25AM (Church)
- 8:00AM Sunday Mass (Church / Streamed)
- 5 Decade Rosary @ 9:25AM (Church)
- 10:00AM Sunday Mass (*First Eucharist*) (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!

### **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!

### **The CHURCH in LATIN AMERICA**

Next weekend, MAY 18<sup>TH</sup> & 19<sup>TH</sup>, we will take up the collection for the Church in Latin America. Your support for the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share

our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more about how your gifts make a difference, visit [www.usccb.org/latin-america](http://www.usccb.org/latin-america).

### **PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS:**



### **GOD BLESS ALL OUR MOTHERS!**

*"The best gift you can give your mother is to sit with her in church."*

Join us at church this **SUNDAY, MAY 12<sup>TH</sup>** to express appreciation and gratitude towards our mothers and all the women who God has placed in our lives who sacrifice for our good and who nurture and love us unconditionally. Our weekend masses on Mother's Day are at 5:00PM on Saturday, 8:00AM and 10:00AM on Sunday. Mothers will receive a special gift at the 10:00AM Mass. Make sitting with your mother at church on Mother's Day the beginning of a very special day for her and for you!

### **PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS CLOSE This Weekend!**

**REMINDER:** Parish Council Nominations will close following the 10:00AM Mass this Sunday. Please note that eligibility is based on criteria noted in the PC Constitution and Bylaws\*.

\*Adult candidates must be fully initiated Catholics, at least 18 years of age, and active, registered members of St. Martha Parish.

\*Youth Candidates must be at least 16 years of age and have not yet reached their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday before the beginning of September. Youth members must be registered, active members of St. Martha Parish.

\*Parish Employees of St. Martha or OLBS School are not eligible for consideration as candidates.

Please submit your nomination forms in the collection basket or in the designated collection boxes at each entrance of the church.

All eligible candidates will be contacted after review and approval by Fr. Bart.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration of potential nominees!

***Time is Running Out  
Get Your Annual  
CASH RAFFLE TICKET!***

The Altar & Rosary Guild is selling tickets after weekend Masses! Tickets are just \$1.00 each or a book of 6 for \$5.00.

**THE DRAWING WILL BE HELD ON  
SUNDAY, MAY 19<sup>TH</sup> after the 10AM Mass.**

GET YOUR TICKET(S) NOW to have a chance to win 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!



**GARDEN ANGELS**

**There will be a meeting of the Garden Angels at 7PM on MONDAY, MAY 13<sup>TH</sup> in Meeting Room A. Anyone interested can show up!**

Please consider joining the St. Martha Garden Angels. The Garden Angels are a group of volunteers who help maintain the beautiful flowerbeds and gardens on the St. Martha Parish grounds during the garden season.

In spring Garden Angel Volunteers can help prepare the ground for planting, plant flowers, and help to lay down mulch. Through the summer, volunteers are needed to help water, weed, prune, and generally maintain the garden bed. In the fall, volunteers help clean up and remove plants.

Garden Angel Volunteers can do as much or as little as they are able. Most of the work can be done according to your own schedule.

This is a nice way to serve together with family or friends and for a student to fulfill required volunteer hours. We thank Garden Angels who have served in the past and encourage you to consider volunteering again this year. New Garden Angels are warmly welcome! Many volunteers are needed. If you would like to help, please fill in the sign-up sheet in the back of the church or we'll see you at the meeting on May 13<sup>th</sup>.

If you would like more information, please call Debbie Steck, 716-684-3864 or email [debbie.steck@yahoo.com](mailto:debbie.steck@yahoo.com).

**HOLY NAME SOCIETY MEETING**

Our next Holy Name meeting is on **MONDAY, MAY 13<sup>TH</sup>**, starting with the rosary at **6:30PM** in the cafeteria. If you're not a member but are curious to learn about the Holy Name Society, please feel welcome to stop in and join us that evening. We'll have some snacks, drinks, & fellowship after the meeting.

**SENIOR MEETING**

Our next meeting is on **MONDAY, MAY 13<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!

**VIRTUS Training Reminder**

Just a friendly reminder to all our Virtus Trained Volunteers – please don't forget to go to [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org) to read this month's training bulletin. Thank you!!



***"One Nation Under GOD"***

The flag honoring **Joseph S. Kowalski**, a WWII Veteran, was hung proudly on our Parish flagpole this past week. Our Thanks to **Tina & Harry Janish** for this donation in Tina's father's memory.

★We are always accepting FLAG donations for the outside flagpole. Please drop your donation off at the rectory during office hours. (Note: 5 x 8 ½ or 5 x 9 ½ are the ideal sizes for our flagpole.) Thank you!

**ATTENTION GOLFERS**



Save the date! The St. Martha Parish Golf Outing returns on **MONDAY, AUGUST 12<sup>TH</sup>** with a 10AM shotgun start at the Batavia Country Club, 7909 Batavia-Byron Road in Batavia. The cost is \$125. Included is golf, cart, range balls, 4 Beverages, Hotdog or hamburger w/ refreshment at the turn and a Steak Dinner with Draft Beer/Pop afterward. All players have an exclusive chance to win an \$800 Golf Gift Certificate from Woods to Wedges @ The Dome. All proceeds will be donated to the Response to Love Center in Buffalo. For further information, call Wally @ 716-684-0281.

**UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTION**

***SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE***



Too many children in the Buffalo-area lack a safe, comfortable bed to sleep in. Our goal is to change that. Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP) is a national charitable organization with over 230 chapters across the U.S. that builds and delivers beds to kids ages 3–17 years at no cost to that child's family. Research has shown that as many as 10,000 kids in the Buffalo area lack a safe, comfortable place to sleep. Currently, SHP Buffalo services target zip codes in the City of Buffalo where the need is greatest. SHP-Buffalo is an entirely volunteer organization. Dedicated volunteers build the beds from scratch at our workshop located at Eastern Hills Mall, then deliver them to homes and set up the beds fully outfitted with new mattresses and new bedding. As a 501(c)(3) non-profit charity, we rely on donations to purchase tools and materials to build beds and buy new mattresses. From start to finish, each bed costs approximately \$250, each bunk bed \$500.

SHP also accepts donations for NEW bedding for the beds. Here at St. Martha Parish we will be collecting **NEW TWIN-SIZE BEDDING** (mattress pads, sheets, comforters, blankets, and pillows) **Beginning the weekend of MAY 18<sup>TH</sup> & 19<sup>TH</sup>**. We will have a BIN in the back of the church to accept donations. We look forward to your support so SHP-Buffalo can make their motto come true: **NO KID SLEEPS ON THE FLOOR IN OUR TOWN!**

To learn more about this mission and how you can help or volunteer, please contact Jerry Sheldon, President at (716) 570-3449 or at [jerry.sheldon@shpbeds.org](mailto:jerry.sheldon@shpbeds.org). or Betsy DiVita, Vice President at (716) 609-1622 or at [betsy.divita@shpbeds.org](mailto:betsy.divita@shpbeds.org). Thank you for any support you can give!

## FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

Thank you for your continued support of the pantry. Your generosity is the backbone of our efforts. We could not continue this ministry without your help. We have seen an increase in the number of families we serve. Our shelves empty quickly. Barrels for donations are located in the vestibule of the church. Below is our "Wish List" which comes in handy when particular products run low, but ANY donations are always appreciated.

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

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



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

@ St. Martha Parish

JULY 1<sup>ST</sup> - 5<sup>TH</sup>

from 9:30AM-12PM

(NO School July 4<sup>th</sup>)

Entering Pre-K4 to entering 4<sup>th</sup> grade

\$20 a child, \$30 per family

Questions: [vbs@stmarthadepew.org](mailto:vbs@stmarthadepew.org)



## 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, May 20<sup>th</sup> in the school gym from 12:30-1:15PM** and continue on the following Mondays: June 3<sup>rd</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>. Please Note: No one can enter into the gym until after 12:20PM.

## YOGA @ ST. MARTHA

Classes offered on the following Tuesdays from 9-10AM in the school gym on: ♦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.

## 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.

### ~ A VOCATION VIEW ~

#### Seventh Sunday of Easter – May 12, 2024

Jesus has returned in glory to the Father in heaven, not to abandon us, but to lead us where He hopes we will follow. How are you called to lead others to heaven? If it's through the priesthood, call Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit [buffalovocations.org](http://buffalovocations.org).

## ✠ ST. MARTHA MASS INTENTION ✠

### MONDAY, MAY 13

8:15AM SHARON MAHONY - Brian Miller

### TUESDAY, MAY 14

*St. Matthias, Apostle*

8:15AM DIANE TRAUTWEIN -  
Trautwein & Koscielny Families

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

8:15AM KEN HERBERGER - wife, Joanne

### THURSDAY, MAY 16

8:15AM BLANCHE SORGI - In Memory  
7:00PM CONFIRMATION MASS

### FRIDAY, MAY 17

8:15AM NORBERT & MARY ANN SID -  
Peter Becker & Family

### SATURDAY, MAY 18

5:00PM ANGELINE FIORELLO - Louis Fiorello  
(Sunday Vigil)

### SUNDAY, MAY 19

**PENTECOST SUNDAY**



8:00AM STANLEY & MARY CHOWANIEC - Family  
10:00AM VERONICA & FRANK WYPIJ -  
(First Eucharist) Patricia & Stanley Wypij

### LECTORS: MAY 18 & 19

5:00PM Steve Muise  
8:00AM Art Movalli  
10:00AM Pat Scharmach