

Saint Martha Parish Community

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MISSION STATEMENT

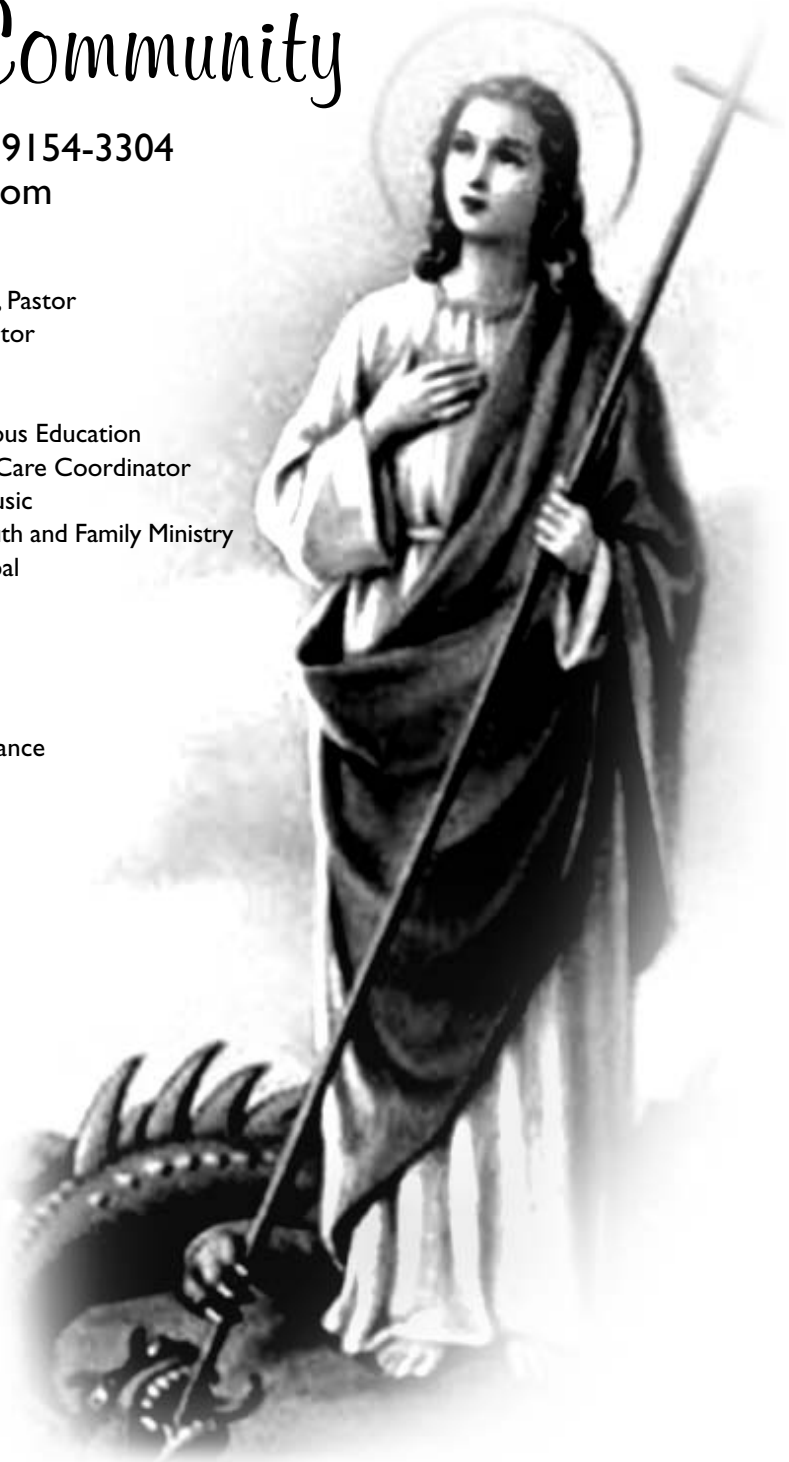
We, the family of Saint Martha Parish, in order to live richly in our Catholic heritage and Parish traditions, through the gifts of the Holy Spirit and the example of Saint Martha's hospitality, devote our mind, body and spirit to:

Pray to God, through the most exalted mystery, the celebration of the Eucharist and recognize in this Union with Christ the Sacrifice, Sacrament and Real Presence.

Foster a home where Christianity is welcomed as the focal point, which will allow us to continue to grow as selfless, humble Catholic individuals and integral, involved members of our Parish and community;

Proclaim the Good News, as did our Patron, Saint Martha, by expressing our commitment to our faith as shown in our actions, spoken in our words, and reflected in our thoughts. Serve, with humility, the spiritual and physical needs of all God's people, born and unborn, by practicing our faith, both inwardly and outwardly, to ensure and strengthen our Catholic future.

We join in communal and individual prayer to God, with Mary, our Mother, and with the help and strength of our parish patron, Saint Martha, so that we may, like her, carry the Gospel Message and profess our belief in Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of God.



PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Elected / Appointed: Claire Cole, Mike Costello, Tracey Drea, JoAnna Galichinski, Bobbie Harrison, Joseph MacGregor, Eileen McGranaghan, Eileen Norton, George Stromeyer, Joanne Trusdell and Michael Young.
Ex officio: Mrs. Karen Donofry,
Deacon Ray Gwynn, Fr. Al Masluk

WELCOME TO ST. MARTHA PARISH

STEWARDSHIP IS A WAY OF LIFE GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

Tithing: Weekend March 7, 2010: \$16,684.13
Income for March 8, 2009: \$12,417.00

Snow Removal Contributions UPDATE \$2,563.00

“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse that there may be food in my house and try me in this, says the Lord of Hosts. Shall I not open for you the floodgates of Heaven and pour down blessings upon you without measure?”

Malachi 3:10

From the Pastor:

The winter has certainly been very trying for us. Each new snowfall brings another plowing bill. Still, I am trusting that God will not send us anything for which He does not provide the resources. I might not, on a given day, be able to see how this will work, but He does, and I must learn every day to trust in Him! God bless you and thank you for your generous response to God's Plan for Giving.

Comments on Tithing from the pews:

“As I reflected upon the scriptural basis for tithing, on my relationship with God, and on the fact that God has been good to me – He has given me so many blessings - my attitude changed. I began to think that, despite the fact that 5% seems like a lot of money to me, I think I can do it!”

The Future of the Church:

Here's what several of our young people offered as their tithe, in addition to their financial gift: each month a different grade volunteers to serve as liturgical ministers at their “grade Mass.”

SERVICES AND SCHEDULES

Mass Schedule:

Daily Masses: 8:15 AM Monday - Saturday
 Sunday Vigil: 5:00 PM Saturday
 Sunday Masses: 8:00, 10:00, 12:00
 Holy Day Vigil: 7:00 PM
 Holy Day Masses: As Announced

Reconciliation:

Saturday: 3:30 to 4:30 PM

Sacrament of Baptism:

Beginning September 1, 2009, baptisms for children are celebrated on the first and third Sunday of the month at 1:15 PM (except during Lent). Instruction is required for the each child. Contact the rectory after the birth of the child. For adults, contact the rectory to join the RCIA program. These sacraments are usually celebrated at the Easter Vigil.

Sacrament of Marriage:

Couples planning marriage should contact the parish office at least nine months in advance. Weddings are not celebrated during the Season of Lent.

Anointing of the Sick:

Please contact the parish office at the onset of serious illness or before impending hospital stay. On the Sunday before you enter the hospital, please ask one of the priests to administer the Anointing, so that the healing touch of Christ may come to you in this beautiful sacrament.

Communion Calls for Shut-Ins:

The homebound can be visited regularly by the parish priests and pastoral staff and brought Holy Communion on Sunday by special ministers of the Eucharist. Contact Sr. Claire if there is a need.

Funerals:

Upon the death of a family member, contact the parish office so that a priest or other member of the pastoral staff can visit to offer comfort and help plan the funeral liturgy. Arrangements regarding time and dates of funerals are made through a funeral director.

PARISH INFORMATION AND CONTACTS

RCIA, CCD, Bible Study, Pre Jordan, Children's Liturgy of the Word	Deacon Ray	632-3720
Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors	Sr. Kate	632-3720
Choir	Sr. Paula	632-3720
Pastoral Care	Sr. Claire	632-3720
Aid for Friends	Chris Hayes	637-4951
Blood Drive	Marybeth Jannotti or Jerry Bowes	637-8347 552-9204
CYO	Rich Salamone	214-435-4962
Garden Club	Bill Jeffrey	632-6358
H.S. CYO	Nanette Sacidor	637-6364
Holy Dusters	Betty Janco	637-6671
Home & School	Eileen Norton	676-6862
Knights of Columbus	Frank Gonzon	632-3756
Lotto	Kathy Cantz	632-4742
Prayer Group	Bobbie Harrison	637-5441
Pre Cana	Joe & Beth MacGregor	637-2007
Pro Life	Ed & Ann Markowski	637-5446
Seniors	David Francis	637-8844
Ushers	Rich Konstance	637-5834

Parish Registration and Change of Registration Status:

It is important that all Catholics within our boundaries be registered and active members of the parish. Circumstances sometimes change registration status. If you can answer “yes” to any of these questions, you need to be sure you are registered correctly in the parish. (1) Have you moved away from your parental home (not just for college)? (2) Have you recently changed your marital status? (3) Are you living with your parents, over eighteen, and not receiving your own mailings and envelopes? If any of these apply, please call the rectory office to update your registration status. New families moving into the parish can stop by the rectory during regular office hours or call if an evening or weekend appointment is needed to register. Welcome!

Rectory Office Hours:

Monday to Friday 9:00 A.M. until 7:00 P.M.
 Saturday 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM (Limited Service) Sunday CLOSED
SCRIP Office Phone # - 215-632-7544



My Dear Parish Family,

In the second reading today, Saint Paul makes an urgent plea to the members of the Church. "Be reconciled to God!"

Of course, we know that the universal reconciliation of mankind with God was accomplished through the sacrifice of Jesus upon the cross and His entry into new and everlasting life. That cosmic reconciliation however, is fleshed out in time through the sacraments of the Church. In Baptism, we are cleansed from our old life of sin and made a new creation. When we gather for the Sunday Eucharist we celebrate in an unbloody manner the same sacrifice which wrought our redemption. The every day way to celebrate and effect reconciliation is a great treasure of the Church which, sadly, is underutilized. I am speaking of the sacrament of Reconciliation, "going to confession."

The long lines which used to await the priests on Saturday afternoon in the post-war years up until the sixties were a unique phenomenon; in fact, in some ways, it was an aberration. However, equally aberrant is today's practice of not approaching the sacrament on a regular basis. Perhaps we have lost a sense of sin. We are not murderers or terrorists, and so maybe we think our "little sins" aren't to be dealt with in this way. Well, the fact is, they are.

No sin is, in a sense, "little." All sin is a rejection of God's call to live a loving life in imitation of His Son. All sin has a social dimension, even the most personal sin, because we are joined like links on a chain because of baptism, and entire community is weakened by the faults of each of its members. Simply put, all of us need to approach Reconciliation regularly.

It's not the boulders we trip over, it's the pebbles. We need to be forgiven for the "pebbles" in our soul: the judgements, attitudes, malicious speech, gossip and looseness with the truth. Come to confession. It will make your Lent!

May we, like Saint Martha, always be friends of Jesus.

God's Love,

Fr. Al

OUR WORSHIP LIFE



Deceased:

Sick Parishioners, Relatives and Friends

John Baranosky, Sr., Christian Baus, Marilyn Belancio, Stephen Benett, Elizabeth Bondiskey, Joe Bradley, Michael Buck, Robert Buck, Michael Burke, Edward Coughlin, Dorothy Delgado, Phillip Delgado, Loretta DeNofa, Mildred Dewald, Frank Dorr, Antoinette Fath, Catherine Fenerty, Josephine Fenerty, Helene Forward, Joan Gain, Edward Gallagher, Dorothy Godin, Irene Hagenback, Joanne Henes, Loretta Ketner, Maryanne Klinewski, Joseph Kubach, Sally Lockwood, Ruth Mair, James McDonald, Eileen Mc Granaghan, Kevin Mc Hugh, Sr., Patrick McNamee, Margaret McNamee, Bridget Metzler, Pat Micklus, Carol Miller, Rosemary Montagno, Margaret Naimoli, Linda Nasife, Fr. Leo Oswald, Claire Rubino, Irene Russell, Robert Shaw, Mary Skirkie, Kathleen Slane, Lorraine Stromeyer, Mary Walen, Mary Walsh, Mary Agnes Warner, Alice Wasniewski, Lillian Weeks, Rich Whalen, and Henry Wierzbicki.

Men and Women in the Service

Miguel Araujo, Eric Baus, Brigid Burke, Kevin Bury, Michael Byrne, Brian Collins, Allen Costello, Marianne Daniels, Thomas Delaney, Vincent DiRenzo, John Donovan, Joseph Dougherty, Chuck Fassano, Alyssa Garfield, Luis Alexander Gonzalez, Oscar Gonzalez, Steven D. Greene, Tom Hair, Jessica Harbison, William Hartlieb, Jr., Christopher D. Hingley, Jerry Kean, Jeffery Keating, Samuel Kline, Patrick R. Lewis, Ricky Mallon, Michael McCusker, Brett McMonagle, Eileen Montvydas, Angelo Rillera, Charles A. Rillera, Patrick Rooney, Sean Ruddy, Matthew Steffen, and Connie Kline Whalen.

WEEKLY MEMORIALS

The sanctuary Lamp which burns before the Blessed Sacrament reminds us of the Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. It would be a wonderful way to memorialize a loved one who now enjoys the heavenly banquet. If you would like the lamp to burn in honor of a loved one, please send a suggested offering of \$10 to the rectory office with the name of the person remembered. We will publish these memorials in the bulletin. In addition, a donation of \$25 will Help supply the bread and wine which are used for the Eucharist, another fitting memorial.

The sanctuary lamp burns this week in honor of
Mr. & Mrs. Edward V. & Anne E. Kilcoyne

*The bread and wine for the Eucharist have
been donated this week in memory of*

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas J. & Agnes T. Kilcoyne

Please keep them in your prayers.

MASS INTENTIONS**Saturday, March 13, 2010**

5:00 PM + Mae Boyle

Sunday, March 14, 2010

8:00 + Intention of the Celebrant

10:00 + People of St. Martha

12:00 + George Shelly

Monday, March 15, 2010

8:15 + Catherine & Thomas Scary

Tuesday, March 16, 20108:15 + Mike McGranaghan &
Joe & Mollie McGuire**Wednesday, March 17, 2010 ~ St. Patrick**

8:15 + James & Vivian O'Mara

Thursday, March 18, 2010 ~ St. Cyril of Jerusalem

8:15 + Mary & AL Viscusi

Friday, March 19, 2010 ~ St. Joseph8:15 + Patricia M. Konstance
(1st Anniversary)**Saturday, March 20, 2010**

8:15 + Patricia & Benidick Konstance

5:00PM + Intention of the Celebrant

Sunday, March 21, 2010

8:00 + People of St. Martha

10:00 + Kelly Wrenn

12:00 + Mickey McCloskey

Altar Server Schedule For March 20th March 21st**5th Sunday in Lent****5:00 PM**

S. Curran R. Pandora J. Morales

8:00 AM

R. Ginder K. Kennelly S. Masciantonio

10:00 AM

B. Roemhild V. Umile S. Miller

12:00 PM.

K. Milgrom K. Nolan N. Duffy

Weekday: March 22nd through March 27th Mon. thru Sat.**8:15AM ~ K. Tracey K. Milgrom****PRE-JORDAN CLASS**

Before a child is baptized, the parents **MUST** attend this class which is held every other month. Call the rectory to register. Instruction is required for each child. The next class will be held on **May 20, 2010** in the Church at 7:00pm.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. MARTHA'S?**Monday, March 15, 2010**

9:00 AM ~ Adoration

6:30 PM ~ Lotto/Parish Hall

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

2:30 PM ~ Children's Choir/Church

7:00 PM ~ Adult Choir/Church

7:00 PM ~ Bible Study/Rectory

Wednesday, March 17, 2010**Happy St. Patrick's Day**

7:00 PM ~ Confessions/Church

Friday, March 19, 2010**Happy St. Joseph's Day**

1:30 PM ~ Stations of the Cross/Church

7:00 PM ~ Stations of the Cross/Church

Bunny Bingo/Parish Hall

Saturday, March 20, 2010

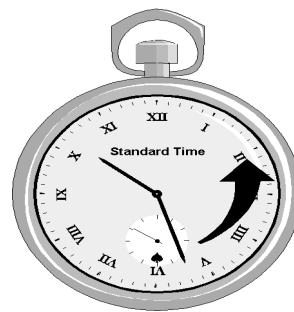
9:00 AM ~ Blood Drive/Gym

7:00 PM ~ Spaghetti Dinner/Gym

Sunday, March 21, 2010**5th Sunday in Lent**

8:15 AM ~ CCD

10:00 AM ~ CLOW/Church

10:00 AM ~ Presentation Holy Communion**Candidates/Church****REMEMBER TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD****1 HOUR****MASSES FOR 2011**

The parish **Mass Book for 2011** will officially be opened on Monday March 15th. The rectory office will be open to record masses on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of that week from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM. Masses will be taken during those hours **ONLY**. Due to the large volume of mass requests, we can only accept 8 masses per donor.

PARISH LIFE

SAVE THE DATE

QUIZZO..... APRIL 10TH, 8:00PM until 12:00AM, Beef and Beer, in the Parish Hall, Sponsored by the Home and School and the Knights of Columbus. For info and tickets please call Donna - 267-973-3352 or John - 267-882-8847 or Eileen - 215-676-6862.

CYO TRACK

Any boys and girls in grades 4 through 8 from St. Martha parish or school interested in running track, please e-mail coach Drew McQuade at creekmud@hotmail.com

RETREAT IN EVERYDAY LIFE

Are you interested in praying each day and experiencing *St. Ignatius's Spiritual Exercises*? He prayed, traveled, gave retreats, and wrote down his insights for busy people – a retreat for people who work, live at home, and have a desire to deepen their prayer life. You would meet with a spiritual director once a week at St. Martha's Rectory and/or a designated place from September 2010 to the beginning of April 2011. If you are interested, please call the rectory @215-632-3720, leave your name and phone number by July 21, 2010

KNIGHTS NEWS ~ CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

March 14Communion Breakfast

Are you expecting a child, or do you know someone who is? If so, you may want to stop at the Knights of Columbus Nook in Martha's Vineyard to pick up a free "Precious Feet" pin for yourself or to give to that person you know. The pin is in the shape and in the exact size of a 10-week unborn baby's feet, and it demonstrates that the wearer is pro-life.



**Red Cross
Blood Drive**

BLOOD DRIVE ~ SAVE THE DATE

We will be having our Blood Drive in the gym from 9:00AM until 2:00PM on Saturday, March 20, 2010. Please call Marybeth Jannotti @ 215-637-8347 or Jerry Bowes @ 215-552-9204 to donate.

ATTENTION SENIORS (55 & OVER)
PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS

March 22, 2010 General Meeting

Guest Speaker: Det. Margarita Moreno-Nix
Topic: Crimes Against Elderly - CARE
3900 Lancaster Avenue, 19104
215-686-3396/97

We anticipate having tuna salad sandwich and dessert.

Same Time: 1:00 to 3:30 PM Same Place: Gym
Doors Open at 12:30 PM. Refreshments will be served.

New members are always welcome. Come join us!!!

N.B. When school is in session, it is mandatory that name tags be worn when entering the school/gym. Also, park only in the area assigned, thereby keeping all car lines and bus lanes open for dismissal.

PARISH TRIP TO THE HOLY LAND?

The Pastor has been thinking and praying about the next parish trip, and is seriously considering organizing a trip to the Holy Land. People get nervous thinking about such a journey, but security is taken very seriously in the land of Jesus' birth and he has spoken to other folks who went there recently without incident. You never read or hear the Scriptures the same again after you have walked in the sacred places Jesus traveled. The proposed itinerary would include Nazareth, the Sea of Galilee, the place of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes, the Mount of the Beatitudes, Mount Tabor (the Transfiguration), Bethlehem, and Jerusalem (including the Upper Room, the Mount of Olives, Gethsemane, the Way of the Cross, and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre (which includes Calvary and the Tomb). Before he would proceed, he needs to know if there is any interest. Probably the trip would be during Lent of 2011, a year from now. If you have any interest, please use the form below to indicate it as soon as possible.

Yes, I would be interested in a parish trip to the Holy Land.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS

CCD/PREP 2010-2011 SEASON

Registration for CCD 2010-2011 seasons will take place on the following dates:

(From 8:15 am until 9:30 am in Martha Vineyard)

Sunday, March 14th

Sunday, March 28th

Sunday, April 11th

Sunday, April 25th

Sunday, May 2nd

Sunday, May 9th

Sunday, May 16th

St. Martha has CCD Classes from Pre-K and K-through 8th grade.

Tuition Cost is the same as last year.

\$80.00 1st child, \$80.00 2nd child, \$25.00 each over 2 children. There is also a Sacramental book fee of \$25.00 for grades 2, 3, and 5.

Out of Parish Fee is \$100.00 per child.

Season will start on September 12, 2010.

PREP-CCD Classes: Sunday @ 8:15AM until 9:45AM.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Children's Liturgy of the Word is held each Sunday at the 10:00AM Mass for children from the ages of 5 thru 10 yrs.

RCIA~ Call Deacon Ray @ 632-3720 for information.

RCIA stands for the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. Our meetings will be on Sunday mornings at 10:00 AM in the Chapel.

RCIA is open to any person who has never been baptized, baptized in another faith, or baptized in the Catholic Church, but in need of the other sacraments of Initiation.

The **RCIA** process allows the person to come and hear about the teachings of the Catholic Church. The person can then decide if they would have the desire to belong to the Catholic Church and be baptized or receive further sacraments.

There is no cost involved and we welcome all to come and learn about the love of Jesus.

ST. MARTHA PARISH JACKPOT LOTTO
Weekly Drawing for
Monday, March 15, 2010
Will be Worth
\$27,000

Winning Numbers for March 8, 2010

3 - 4 - 15 - 30 - 36

NO JACKPOT WINNER

Consolation Prize \$500 Each

WINNER

S. Minchin

JP

SELLER

J. Mulholland

J. Purvis

Consolation prizes cannot be picked up before Wednesday of the following week.

Lotto Hotline Number~~~1-866-902-3983

OTHER NEWS

LUNCH WITH THE EASTER BUNNY

Hot dog lunch with the Easter Bunny at Archbishop Ryan High School North Cafeteria, March 27, 2010 from 11AM to 1:00PM. There will be an egg hunt (so bring your basket), games, face painting and more. The cost is just \$7.00 per person. Photos available at an additional cost. All proceeds benefit the Archbishop Ryan Field Hockey team. For tickets call the Student Affairs Office @215-637-1800 ext. 211 or call Grace Smith @ 215-676-8109.

DINNER COOK NEEDED

A position as dinner cook in St. Katherine of Siena Rectory is available for three days each week. Anyone interested in applying for this position, or in further information, is asked to please contact Carol at 215-637-7548 ext. 222

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Our next couples experience will be April 23 - 25, 2010. For more information call 1-800-456-8330 or visit us at www.wme-philly.org.

CLOTHING DRIVE

The Society of St. Vincent De Paul will be at St. Martha's on Friday, April 30, 2010 from 9AM until 2PM to collect donations of usable men's, women's and children's clothing. They will also be accepting small household goods and small appliances in good working order. No baby equipment, only clothing. Individuals are invited to take all donations to the truck located in the parking lot.