

Saint Martha Parish



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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, like she, may carry the Gospel Message and profess our belief in Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of God.

WE ARE A TITHING PARISH

God gives us everything we have and allows us to keep 90% of it for any good purpose. He simply asks that we return the first 10% to Him (5% to the local parish, 5% to God's other good works, our personal charities) in gratitude. This spirituality of tithing is as old as the Bible itself, and disposes us to make God first in every area of our lives! The aim is to secure not the tithe, but the tither, not the gift, but the giver—for God!

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Elected / Appointed: Kathy Cantz, Art Calvo,
Bobbie Harrison, Agnes Brady,
Mike Ragucci, Karen Peahota
Matthew Romano, James Shupe

Ex officio: Mrs. Karen Donofry, Deacon Ray Gwynn,
Fr. Al Masluk, Msgr. Andrew Golias,
Deacon Steve Guckin

WELCOME TO ST. MARTHA PARISH

Stewardship is a Way of Life

Tithing: Weekend of August 12, 2018: \$9,374.70

Income for August 13, 2017: \$9,863.02

Children's Offering for August 12, 2018 (Included in Tithe): \$13.00

High School Offering for August 12, 2018 (Included in Tithe): \$7.00

"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: Many times on the radio in the morning, I will hear on KYW's financial report what Americans plan to spend on their vacations. Somehow, even in tough financial times, many are crafty and resourceful enough to get the money together to assure some time away for us and our family. The wise tither makes the same commitment to setting aside for God the first 5% of what He gives us. It's planning ahead for the "ultimate vacation": preparing to be with God in His Kingdom by living the values of the Kingdom here on earth. God must be Number One. Thank you for embracing God's Plan for Giving.

Comments on Tithing from the pews. "I love the way tithing has been presented. I love the 5% to church and 5% to "other good works" suggestion. It makes people feel the church isn't simply after all the money. It makes it clear that the church wants us to use God's money to help God's people."

CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

Saint Martha Church is excited to announce that you can now manage your giving online! Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the Internet. Contributions can be set up to debit automatically from your checking or savings account. Our electronic giving program offers convenience for you and much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. Simply follow these easy steps:

1. Visit the church website at www.stmarthachurch.com,
2. Click on the [Give Now] button,
3. Click on the Create Profile button, then
4. Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions.

SERVICES AND SCHEDULES

Mass Schedule

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

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30 to 4:30 PM

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms for children are celebrated on the first and third Sunday of the month at 1:15 (except during Lent) and on most Sundays of Easter. Parental instruction is required for the each child. See the priest after Sunday Mass to set up baptism. 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. 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. Arrangement regarding time and dates of funerals are made through a funeral director.

PARISH INFORMATION AND CONTACTS

CCD & Baptism Team	Art Calvo	632-3720
RCIA, Bible Study, Pre Jordan, Children's Liturgy of the Word	Michelle Whitely	
Special Ministers and Lectors		632-3720
Choir	Marlena Snyder	632-3720
Pastoral Care	Sr. Claire	632-3720
Blood Drive	Marybeth Jannotti	637-8347
	Or Jerry Bowes	552-9204
CYO	Greg Smith	205-6738
Garden Club	Bill Jeffrey	632-6358
HS CYO	Nanette Scidor	637-6364
Holy Dusters	Betty Janco	637-6671
Home & School	Jennifer Grega	267-230-8905
Knights of Columbus/	Art Calvo	632-3720
Prayer Group	Bobbie Harrison	637-5441
Pre Cana	Tom & Maria Gilbert	
Pro Life	Ed & Ann Markowski	637-5446
Seniors	Jim Kilcoyne	501-0222
Ushers	Rich Konstance	637-5834
Ladies Who Love	Carol Lynn Steffen	637-2531
Alumni	Art Calvo	632-3720

Rectory Office Hours

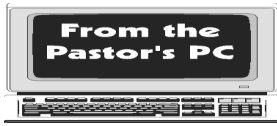
Monday to Thursday: 9:00 AM until 7:00 PM

Friday: 9:00 AM until 6:30 PM

Saturday and Sunday: Closed

SCRIP Office—215-632-5821 Email: smsscripoffice@yahoo.com

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Articles for the next bulletin must be submitted in writing to the rectory by noon on Friday. Bulletin inserts should be submitted to the rectory 10 days in advance of printing.



19 August 2018

Dear Members of the Parish Family,

If my plans and schemes have come to fruition, I am ninety miles south and east of the parish while you are reading this letter on vacation with my brother and his family. Last year, my vacation was cut short by that crazy attack of transient global amnesia. I'm sure hoping for better this year!

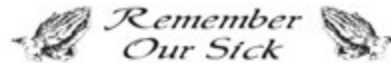
Everyone needs time away, and I am grateful to be able to take a vacation. Stress is a killer. While I think my meds are controlling my blood pressure—so far—the daily concerns about the parish on so many levels do take a toll on my health and mood at times.

One of the things which ease the pressure is the support of the parishioners (at least the ones who are not “priest-killers”). With that in mind, I would ask that, if you have not as yet, go to our website, www.stmarthachurch.com, and read the address I gave back in May as I tried to call us all to a shared vision for the future of our parish school. Please join in that vision and be as supportive of the parish and school as you can. My 40th anniversary as a priest approaches in May; I'd like to be around for it!

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



God's Love,
Fr. Al



Sick Parishioners, Relatives and Friends

Andrew Avizius, John Baranosky, Sr., Christian Baus, Linda Bianco, Danielle Bobitsch, Elizabeth Bondiskey, Liz Borghise, Patricia Brennan, Marge Brown, Michael Buck, Robert Buck, Zachary Canale~Schall, Theresa Cantz, Angela Carrozzo, Debra Collins, Laura Comerton, Edward Coughlin, Robert Cowden, Samantha Crompton, Dorothy Delgado, Phillip Delgado, Lillian DeLuca, James Devenney, Rita DiFillippo, Frank Dorr, Barbara Elaine, Dolores Fadgen, George Fadgen, Jr., Caila Fencel, John Forward, Joan Gain, Edward Gallagher, Joan Gallagher, Florence Gayowski, Stephanie Gilchrist, Jennifer Graber, Courtney Rose Gross, Lorretta Gunn, Galen Hamel, Deacon Edward Hanley, Joanne Henes, Daniel Hennessey, Kelly Joyce, Colleen Kane, Mary Kane, Jerry Kean, Loretta Ketner, Maryanne Klinewski, Albert Kolber, Jr., Joseph Kubach, Janet Ladzenski, Joseph Laffey, Joseph Larkins, Robert Edward Loftus, Patricia Lutz, Ivy Lynch, Leonard Lynch, Julia Maples, Jane Marasino, Susan Marrone, Debra Marvel, Tom McCuen, Francis McEntee, Eileen McGranaghan, Sean McGranaghan, Margaret McGuigan, Michael McKee, Mary Meschler, John Montagno, Brian Murphy, Baby Bridget Murphy, J. Murphy, John Murphy, Linda Nasife, Josh Newman, Francis Olsen, Christopher Pastino, Angela Perilli, Terry Plunkett, Chip Rapp, Gail Reid, Sarah Reid, John Ritter, Baby Adelynn Roush, Dolores Rozanski, Joseph Rozanski, Dominic Rufflo, Irene Russell, Julia Ryan, Brad Sacchetti, Rita Savage, Joan Schaffer, Laurie Selfridge, Robert Shaw, Kathleen Slane, Riley Stone, Nicholas Vinci, Mary Walen, Bob Walsh, Lillian Weeks, Rich Whalen, Susan Wixted, William Wixted and Owen Ziglar

Men and Women in the Service

Miguel Araujo, Eric Baus, Jude Tyler Bickel, Kevin Bury, Michael Byrne, Allen Costello, Marianne Daniels, Thomas Delaney, Vincent DiRenzo, Ryan Evans, Chuck Fassano, Captain Courtney Gallagher, Alyssa Garfield, Matt Garvin, Luis Alexander Gonzalez, Thomas Gaus, Christopher D. Hingley, Jerry Kean, Samuel Kline, Patrick R. Lewis, Ricky Mallon, Mark McAllister, Nicholas McKee, Brett McMonagle, Adam Spina, Alec Trusdell and Connie Kline Whalen

Let Us Pray for Our Deceased Members of the Parish

James S. White, Jr.

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, either in Church or in the Rectory Chapel, 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.

Follow Father Al's Pastor's Blog on St. Martha's facebook page.

WINNING THE FIGHT AGAINST THE BILLS

Each week, remember that our victory over current bills depends on taking in \$12,000 or more in the collection. Check the figures posted each week to see how we are doing. Thanks to all whose efforts are helping us in this struggle. Remember to be sure your offering comes every week, even when you are away. Consider electronic giving.

*The Sanctuary Lamp
and the Bread and Wine
have been donated this week
in memory of*

Francesco Buto

Mass Intentions for the Week

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM +Intention of Celebrant

Sunday, August 19, 2018 ~ 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM +People of St. Martha

10:00 AM +Frances Sassa

12 Noon +Francesco Buto

Monday, August 20, 2018 ~ St. Bernard

8:15 AM +Sandy DiMatteo

Tuesday, August 21, 2018 ~ St. Pius X

8:15 AM +President Trump

Wednesday, August 22, 2018 ~ The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:15 AM +McGranaghan/McGuire Families

Thursday, August 23, 2018 ~ St. Rose of Lima

8:15 AM +Sandy DiMatteo

Friday, August 24, 2018 ~ St. Bartholomew

8:15 AM +Dolores Fiorvante

Saturday, August 25, 2018 ~ St. Louis

8:15 AM +Anne "Nancy" Marcinkevich

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM +Intention of Celebrant

Sunday, August 26, 2018 ~ 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM +People of St. Martha

10:00 AM +Pendergast/Derrick Families

12 Noon +Nancy Marcinkevich

WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, August 19, 2018 ~ 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 AM ~ CLOW

Monday, August 20, 2018

7:00 PM ~ Rosary/Church

Wednesday, August 22, 2018

2:00 PM- 7:00 PM ~ Blood Drive/Gym

Sunday, August 26, 2018 ~ 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 AM ~ CLOW

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registration is now open for CCD. Children 5-12 years old not enrolled in a Catholic School must be registered for CCD. There is no cost for kindergarten classes. Contact Art Calvo at acalvo@stmarthapa.org or at 215-632-3720.



WE NEED YOUR E-MAILS!!

At the suggestion of Pastoral Council, the pastor has been trying to set up a system wherein he can offer occasional updates about the good things happening at Saint Martha Parish. To do this, we need an accurate and central e-mail list. Now, some groups have their members' e-mail addresses listed in their own files, such as the parish school, ministries, and so forth; however, the e-mails must be in PDS, our parish data system, for this project to work! So, while different ministries and staff who have e-mail lists are being asked to send them to us ASAP, may we also ask that you send us your e-mail—even if you think we have it! (we might not have it in the essential central data bank!) Please use the form below or send your name and address, and e-mail address to churchoffice@stmarthachurch.com ASAP. Thank you!



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Name: _____

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6:30 PM -11:30 PM in our Parish Hall
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Entertainment will be provided
Memories should be brought by you
RSVP: No later than October 31, 2018 to
Art Calvo (215- 632- 3720) or
acalvo@stmarthapa.org

Like us on Facebook SMS Alumni

Please consider taking a pledge card from the table in the back of the church and giving a one-time gift to St. Martha School or join the 25 people who are faithfully giving \$10 a month. Just place your gift in an envelope, mark it "Development" and it will make it's way to the Development Office. Thank you for your generosity.

**“SPOTLIGHT ON
ST. MARTHA SCHOOL”**



Just a few reminders for our school students and parents as we near the end of summer.

1. Check website for the school calendar and other important information ~ stmarthaparishschool.webs.com
2. First day of school for grades 2-8 is Wednesday, September 5
Grade 1 begins Thursday, September 6
Dismissal is 12:30 September 5, 6, 7
Kindergarten and Pre-K (3 year olds) begin Monday, September 10, dismissal 11:15
Pre-K (4 year olds) begin September 11, Dismissal 11:15
Grades 1-8 ~ Dismissal is 3:00 Monday through Thursday and Friday's dismissal is 2:30 unless otherwise notified
Pre-K and Kindergarten dismiss 15 minutes before grades 1-8
3. School begins at 8:00 AM with 2 children volunteering to pray the Morning Offering and sing God Bless America over the PA system
4. Back to School Night is Monday, September 10 at 7:00 PM
5. All volunteers/chaperones are required by law to have PA State Police Clearance, PA Child Abuse History Clearance and FBI Fingerprint Clearance OR Disclosure Statement. Copies of the documents should be sent to the school office in an envelope marked "Safe Environment." Information on how to obtain clearances may be found on the Office for Child and Youth Protection and our website. Parents must have all 3 clearances to volunteer or chaperone.
6. Uniform reminders: Please check the handbook concerning uniform requirements. The handbook can be found on our website. Uniforms can be purchased at Flynn & O'Hara.

Do you know of anyone looking for a great school with a caring faculty and staff? How about a school that is out of this world? Our SMS alumni and astronaut Captain Christopher Ferguson will attest that SMS will get you places you cannot even imagine. Call 215-632-0320 for more information and a tour.

Yes, Yes SMS!

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THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR INFANTS

Through Baptism, your children are plunged into the mystery of the Lord's Death and Resurrection and become God's own children, members of the family we call Church. You may arrange baptism by approaching one of the priests or deacons after Mass. To prepare for this sacred celebration, parents are required (and godparents invited but not required) to attend a Pre-Jordan Session. At this gathering, held on a Thursday evening, September 20, at 7:30 in the rectory, one of the parish clergy and a couple who have presented children for baptism give an overview of the ceremony and theology as well as practical suggestions to enhance your experience of the big day. Consider coming to the class before your baby is born, when things are just a bit less hectic.

PARISH REGISTRATION AND MEMBERSHIP

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 you 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 register after any Sunday Mass. Welcome!

Silver Roses are traveling across the United States, Canada and Mexico to honor our Blessed Mother under the title of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Please join Mary Queen of Angles as well as 8 other councils and their parishes as we gather at Our Lady of Calvary Church on Thursday September 6 at 7:00 PM to take part in the celebration of the Eucharist and the recitation of the Rosary. Contact Art Calvo (215-632-3720) if you have any questions.

Needed: Volunteers to assist with **Children's Liturgy of the Word** on Sundays during the 10:00 Mass. Please contact Michelle Whitely at 267-226-9571 for details.



It is time to nominate some of your fellow parishioners (or yourself) for a position on the Parish Council. The Council serves all parishioners by acting as their representative at five or six meetings each year. The major focus of these meetings is to assist the Pastor by addressing issues dealing with improving the parish. This year's nomination committee is chaired by Kathy Cantz and Mike Ragucci. They are asking you to begin your prayerful consideration for nominees for the two positions that will be available beginning October 2018. Please take a nomination form located in the back of the church. Past participation has been wonderful and we hope it will continue to be so this year. If you have any questions please stop Kathy or Mike at any time.

Mission Coop– August 18/19

Father Jim Walther, OMV will be attending to this Mission Appeal on August 19/19 to St. Martha. He is the Provincial Rector of the Oblates of the Virgin Mary in the USA.

The Oblates of the Virgin Mary began a mission in the Philippines in the mid-1990s conducting retreats based around the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. As the popularity and demand for these retreats increased the Oblates set about having a permanent foundation there. Today the Oblates run a Retreat Center in Cebu and a Novitiate House of Theology and a retreat Center in Antipolo.

The future looks bright for the Oblates presence in the Philippines. In December 2016, two Filipinos were ordained to the priesthood. Sometime this August, two more Filipinos will be ordained to the Diaconate. Furthermore, as the retreat ministry continues to flourish, the coming school year June 2018 will also welcome about twenty seminarians at different levels of formation.

In spite of these successes, there are many challenges. The Philippines is a very poor country and the majority of Filipino families are poor and live on very modest means. Our seminarians are no exception. The Oblates, therefore shoulder the full cost of training a young man for the priesthood. Presently, it costs approximately \$10,000 a year to educate, feed and clothe a seminarian. Thank you for your generosity to our Mission Church.

Girl Scouts Movie Night Under the Stars will be held at Our Lady of Calvary on Wednesday, August 22 at sunset. The event is hosted by the Girl Scouts Knights Service Unit and generously sponsored by State Rep Ed Neilson. Please contact Korinne at 267-886-7625 for more details or to ask about joining Girl Scouts today!

SCRIP NEWS

Hours for the Scrip Office:

- ~ Thursday evenings from 6-8 p.m.
- ~ Saturday morning 9 to 11 a.m.
- ~ Sunday 8:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Phone: 215 632 5821 E-mail: smsmccrossan@yahoo.com or visit Saint Martha Scrip on Facebook!



REMINDERS:

- ~ We accept Pre-Orders every week if you need to order our additional retailers, make large purchases, or you just want to guarantee your sale.
- ~ Some retailers, like Home Depot, Lowes' and Disney, offer larger denominations—place your Pre-Order to use towards your next Home improvement project or trip.

Your participation in the program and continued patience with our staff is always valued and greatly appreciated!

St. Martha's blood drive sponsored by Mary, Queen of Angels, Knights of Columbus, is Wednesday, August 22nd, 2PM to 7PM in the school gym. Please mark your calendars. Any questions, please contact Jerry Bowes at (215) 552-9204 or email noleak872@aol.com



ATTENTION SMS FAMILIES & PARISHIONERS

Help St. Martha School earn money by collecting Box Tops. Box Tops can be found on many different products. Each box top submitted before the expiration date is worth \$0.10 to St. Martha's! Simply BUY a box top product, CLIP the box top and BRING them to school or church. St. Martha's in return will earn \$\$\$. For your convenience we have a Box Tops Pink Mailbox in the church vestibule for collection all year. Thank you for your support!



Rachel's Vineyard Ministries

We have an upcoming retreat for healing after abortion. It is designed to help you experience the mercy and compassion of God. It will help you focus on the buried emotions of the past and begin healing in a non-judgmental, safe, loving and confidential environment. It will give you hope for your future and freedom from the pain within your heart and soul.

Post Abortion Healing Retreat: October 12,13,14th 2018, Malvern-Frazer, Pennsylvania

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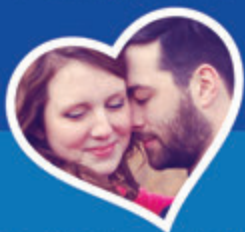
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