

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,
Tracey Talley, Connie DiFillippo, Karen Peahota
Matthew Romano, James Shupe
Ex officio: Mrs. Karen Donofry, Deacon Ray Gwynn,
Fr. Al Masluk, Msgr. Andrew Golias,
Deacon Steve Guckin and Joanne Trusdell

WELCOME TO ST. MARTHA PARISH

Stewardship is a Way of Life

God's Plan for Giving:

Tithing: Weekend of October 15, 2017: \$10, 277.86

Income for October 16, 2016: \$12, 931.01

Children's Offering for October 15, 2017 (Included in Tithe): \$45.00

High School Offering for October 15, 2017 (Included in Tithe): \$20.00

"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: I remember Mikhael Gorbachev, the former Soviet leader, quoting to President Reagan an old Russian proverb: "Trust--- but verify!" Well, for the tither, the proverb can only be "Trust!" We trust that after we give God our first ten percent that the ninety percent left will be more than enough for our daily needs. We trust that God will provide for our needs, even the unexpected "surprises" that come into our lives like a car needing repair or an unexpected illness. How we grow in faith and trust when we live the spirituality of tithing! I thank you all who are faithful tithers and good stewards and following God's Plan for Giving.

Comments on Tithing from the pews: "I first heard about tithing in the Philippines where it was mandatory for parishioners in Protestant churches to give 10% of their earnings to support their church. It was not then a common Catholic practice. Now that I moved (to the US), I am committed to keeping the tithe. It is simply giving back to God a share of your earthly blessings!"

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
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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 Sacidor	637-6364
Holy Dusters	Betty Janco	637-6671
Home & School	Kathy Goldstein	267-939-9766
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

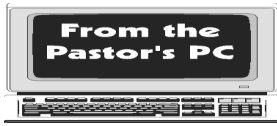
Monday to Thursday: 9:00 AM until 7:00 PM

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.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

22 October 2017

Dear Members of the Parish Family,

Today, I will have the privilege of offering Mass for my brother John and his wife Chris on the fortieth anniversary of their wedding. (John is the only sibling of mine at whose marriage I was not able to preside, since he was married two years before I was ordained.) Those of you who are married, I am sure, appreciate what a feat staying in a happy marriage for forty years is!

Of course, it does not happen simply because of human efforts. Each sacrament bestows "sacramental" grace, a "tailor-made" grace which helps us live out that particular sacrament faithfully and fruitfully. God has been an active part of their marriage since John and Chris pronounced their vows, and He has been the "glue" which bound them together so tightly all these years.

This is why the Church insists that Catholics who marry receive the sacrament of Matrimony: not some crazy beach front "ceremony," not a made up so-called ritual which speaks nothing of God's Presence, not a simply civil celebration. Young people need God's Presence in their lives to remain faithful to their vows (and of course they need to cooperate with the graces He sends them).

God bless all of you married couples, whose example of faithfulness, sacrifice and love inspires me as I try to live my sacrament every day.

May we as a parish spend at least fifty more years "Believing, Welcoming and Serving," and may we, like Saint Martha, always be friends of Jesus.

God's Love,
Fr. Al



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.

Sick Parishioners, Relatives and Friends

Andrew Avizius, John Baranosky, Sr., Christian Baus, Linda Bianco, Danielle Bobitsch, Elizabeth Bondiskey, Patricia Brennan, Michael Buck, Robert Buck, Zachary Canale-Schall, 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, George Fadgen, Jr., Caila Fencl, John Forward, Peg Fulforth, Joan Gain, Edward Gallagher, Joan Gallagher, Donna Garcia, Stephanie Gilchrist, Jennifer Graber, Courtney Rose Gross, Lorretta Gunn, Galen Hamel, Deacon Edward Hanley, Joanne Henes, Daniel Hennessey, Michael Jordan, Kelly Joyce, Colleen Kane, Mary Kane, Thomas H. Kane, Jerry Kean, Loretta Ketner, Maryanne Klinewski, Albert Kolber, Jr., Robert Konschak, Joseph Kubach, Janet Ladzenski, Robert Edward Loftus, Patricia Lutz, Ivy Lynch, Jane Marasino, Susan Marrone, Debra Marvel, Tom McCuen, Francis McEntee, Eileen McGranaghan, Sean McGranaghan, Margaret McGuigan, Michael McKee, Mary Meschler, Msgr. John Miller, John Montagno, Brian Murphy, Baby Bridget Murphy, J. Murphy, John Murphy, Linda Nasife, Josh Newman, Francis Olsen, Christopher Pastino, Angela Perilli, Kathy Pisacano, 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, Laurie Selfridge, Robert Shaw, Kathleen Slane, Riley Stone, Nicholas Vinci, Mary Walen, Bob Walsh, Lillian Weeks, Rich Whalen, Susan Wixted and Owen Ziglar

Men and Women in the Service

Miguel Araujo, Eric Baus, Brigid Burke, 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

Anthony Lattano

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.

*The Sanctuary Lamp
and the Bread and Wine
have been donated this week
in memory of
Ernest Rodriguez
&
Phylis Rodriguez Meisenzahl*

October 22, 2017 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions for the Week

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM +George & Cecilia Martin

Sunday, October 22, 2017 ~ 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM +Intention of Celebrant

10:00 AM +People of St. Martha

12 Noon +Harry Geiss III

Monday, October 23, 2017 ~ St. John of Capistrano

8:15 AM +Walter Lipinski

Tuesday, October 24, 2017 ~ St. Anthony Mary Claret

8:15 AM +Henry Glenn

Wednesday, October 25, 2017

8:15 AM +Carroll Ott

Thursday, October 26, 2017

8:15 AM +Ida Henley

Friday, October 27, 2017

8:15 AM +Frances Sassa

Saturday, October 28, 2017 ~ SS. Simon and Jude

8:15 AM +Alexander Kolibabek

The 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM +John & Violet Rozanski

Sunday, October 29, 2017 ~ 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM +People of St. Martha

10:00 AM +Intention of Celebrant

12 Noon +Arthur & Veronica Wetten



THERE IS STILL A LITTLE TIME TO REGISTER FOR THE SCHOOL DISNEY TRIP CELEBRATING OUR GOLDEN JUBILEE!!

We have about 50 folks heading for the Happiest Place on Earth, 15 January to 19 January 2018. You still have the opportunity to sign up—but time is limited and so are the rooms remaining. The pricing structure is listed below..

ALL STAR SPORTS (can accommodate up to 4 people):
Room for four nights: \$757

PORT ORLEANS RIVERSIDE (can accommodate up to 5 people):
Room for four nights: \$1146

Four day Park Hopper:
\$407.37 – ages ten and up
\$388.20 – ages three to nine

Disney Dining Plan (one quick meal, one snack, one sit down daily):
\$305.14 (ages 10 and up)
\$109.78 – ages 3 to 9)

Ask Father Al for a brochure TODAY! Tomorrow might be too late!

WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, October 22, 2017 ~ 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM ~ CCD/Children Meet in Chapel

10:00 AM ~ CLOW

Monday, October 23, 2017

12:00 PM ~ Seniors Meeting/Gym

7:00 PM ~ Rosary/Church

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

3:00 PM ~ Youth Choir/Church

7:00 PM ~ Adult Choir/Church

7:30 PM ~ RCIA/Rectory

Wednesday, October 25, 2017

Dismissal 12:30– Parent Conferences (1:00-5:00 and 6:00-8:00)

7:30 PM ~ Knight of Columbus Meeting/Rectory

Friday, October 27, 2017

8:15 AM ~ Mass (Grades 1-4)

Halloween Party (Grades Pre-K - 4) / Gym

Halloween Dance (Grades 5-8) / Parish Hall

Sunday, October 29, 2017 ~ 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM ~ CCD/Children Meet in Chapel

10:00 AM ~ CLOW

Please keep St. Martha School healthy. Your gift of just \$10.00 a month will go a long way. Place your gift in an envelope, write "Development" on it and place it in the collection basket. Your generosity is appreciated.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

"40 days for life", Prayer and Witness for Life begins Sept. 27 and ends November 5. During this time, we are asked to pray and fast for the following intentions:

- An end to legalized abortion in our country
- For the mothers who are so desperate they believe abortion is their only option - that they may seek the help that is available
- For those who work in the abortion industry
- For our society as a whole, that they may turn away from the culture of death

We are also asked to join in peaceful prayer vigil in front of Planned Parenthood, 2751 Comly Road, Philadelphia. St. Martha's Parish has agreed to cover the vigil hours from 7 AM to 3 PM on Friday, October 27. Please note the sign up sheets at the church entrances and choose one hour on October 27. If you wish you may join any of the vigils outside of abortion facilities in the Philadelphia area during the 40 days. Prayer outside an abortion facility is very important and effective. Women do change their minds.



**“SPOTLIGHT ON
ST. MARTHA SCHOOL”**



God bless the children of St. Martha Parish who will receive their Confirmation on October 20 at the 5:00 PM Mass with Bishop Deliman:

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| Brian Beatrice | Abigail Bhatti |
| Leah Brace | Maison Brown |
| Jenna Cheesman | Zachary Crego |
| Kierann Cusick | Emma Dahl |
| Mallory Dalaimo | Natalie Dalaimo |
| Hailey Ellison | Marisa Farlow |
| Paige Fienman | Anthony Finnocchiaro |
| Brook Floyd | Ignatius Forrest |
| Christopher Foster | Nicholas Friedman |
| Christian Gonzalez | Brian Heim |
| Kennedy Hermes | Frank Kedziora |
| Emily Kline | Gabriella Koniecki |
| Iamhni Lassiter | Ava Martello |
| Tristen McPeak | Joey McNally |
| Hailey Pope | Jared Pope |
| Lillian Quaresima | Juliana Quinn |
| Natalie Quinn | Jessica Roemhild |
| Tommie Rodriguez | Nicholas Rogers |
| Emma Salamone | Theodore Santos |
| Kyra Siner | Erin Tobin |
| Kadiatu Toure | Shane Whitley |
| Christopher Yengbeh | |

“Tabs for Education,” save your tabs from cans and place them in the lobby or next to the Giving Tree by my office. Money used will help the school. Don’t forget your “Boxtops.”

*Do you know of anyone looking for a school with academic excellence and a family atmosphere? Ask them to call for an appointment and a tour (215-632-0320).
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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 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!

In Remembrance of Holy Souls

In remembrance of all those that we have loved and have touched our lives and have passed away; you are invited to place a small picture of them on the St. Joseph altar for the month of November.



**Please put your name and telephone number on the back.

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!



Please support St. Martha School by purchasing a lottery ticket. One ticket is good for the entire month of November. You can win as often as your number comes out. Tickets are \$15 each and can be purchased from Art Calvo. Contact him at the rectory (215-632-3720) or ask him when you see him.

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE !!!!!!!

Due to early publication, any information that is to be printed in the bulletin dated **November 12, 2017** must be to the rectory by **Friday, November 3**. Thank you!

October 22, 2017 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. MARTHA SENIORS

New members are always welcome. Come join us and meet with some new friends-old and new. At your first meeting—lunch is free.

LUNCH TRIPS SPEAKERS GAMES

General Meeting: October 23, 2017
Meeting Time: 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM in the Gym
Doors open at: 11:30 AM
Activity: Bingo, Cards
Lunch will be served

Next Meeting: November 13, 2017

Please note that St. Martha Seniors will no longer sell Pot Pies as the owner of Fisher's Pot Pies has closed the business. Instead, we are selling pies from Holmesburg Bakery for Thanksgiving. Order forms are available after Mass today and on October 29. Thank you for your support.

If school is closed due to inclement weather, our meeting will be cancelled.

N.B. When school is in session, please wear nametags when entering the gym/school building. New members will be provided one. In addition, please park only in the assigned area. This procedure will keep all car and bus lanes open for school dismissal. Thanks!

St. Martha Blood Drive
Saturday, November 11
9:00 AM to 2:00 PM in the school gym
For Appointment call (215) 552-9204 or email
noleak872@aol.com



Mary Queen of Angels, Knights of Columbus will have it's annual men's Winter coat drive for the needy on November 18th & 19th before all Masses. We will be collecting knit hats, gloves, socks, and coats in good condition

The Knights of Columbus are selling **Chance of a Lifetime Tickets**. There are 16 prizes to win from a new car to a Disney-world Trip to iPads and more. Tickets are \$6.00 for a book of 8 tickets. Contact Art Calvo at the rectory for tickets and information.

SAVE THE DATE!!!!
St. Martha Parish School
QUIZZO
Friday, November 10
7:30 PM-10:30 PM

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 1:15 p.m.



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

REMINDERS:

- ~ We can not cover orders of more than \$500 to any one retailer unless a Pre-Order has been placed.
- ~ 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!

Archbishop Ryan Music Scholarship

Partial 4 year music scholarships are available to instrumentalists in the Class of 2022. Auditions will be held on **Saturday, November 18, 2017**. For more information, contact:

Mr. Gene Ciccimaro, Music Director
215-637-1800 ext. 242
Gciccimaro@ArchbishopRyan.com

Archbishop Ryan Art Scholarship Opportunity

All entries are due **by Friday, November 17, 2017**. For more information, contact: Pamela McPeak, '78 Admissions Director at Admissions@ArchbishopRyan.com

Archbishop Ryan Theater Arts Scholarship

Partial 4 year Theater Arts Scholarships are available to members of the Class of 2022. Auditions will be held on Sunday, November 19, 2017. For more information, contact:

Ms. Kim Williams
kwilliams@archbishopryan.com

FREE VETERANS LUNCH EVENT—T.J. Fluehr Funeral Home will be holding a free informative Session for Veterans and/or their Spouses on **Wednesday, November 8th** at 11 AM. Washington Crossing National Cemetery representatives will be present & will hold a Q&A session following. Materials will be provided by the US Dept. of Veteran Affairs. Limited Space, must register to attend. Please call Korinne for details & to register at 215-637-7373.

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