

# 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

### God's Plan for Giving

**Tithing: Weekend of June 17, 2018: \$9,710.29**  
**Income for June 16, 2017: \$11,144.46**  
**Children's Offering for June 17, 2018 (Included in Tithe): \$10.25**  
**High School Offering for June 17, 2018 (Included in Tithe): \$16.00**

*"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 whole aim of a spiritual life is to become more like God. We are most like God when we do not make ourselves the center of the universe, but rather pour out our love and devotion to God and others. Tithing is a wonderful spiritual exercise which helps us focus on our good and generous God. Thank you for being faithful tithers and good stewards and following God's Plan for Giving.**

**Comments on Tithing from the pews: "It's been an amazing turn-around in my life as I began tithing. When I made my tithing commitment, I began to realize how much God has given me. It has changed my whole outlook on life."**

### 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](http://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 Whately	
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
	Greg Smith	205-6738
CYO	Bill Jeffrey	632-6358
Garden Club	Nanette Sacidor	637-6364
HS CYO	Betty Janco	637-6671
Holy Dusters	Jennifer Grega	267-230-8905
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Alumni		

### Rectory Office Hours

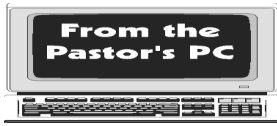
Monday to Thursday: 9:00 AM until 7:00 PM

Friday: 9:00 AM until 6:30 PM

Saturday and Sunday: Closed

SCRIP Office—215-632-5821 Email: [smsscripoffice@yahoo.com](mailto: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.**



24 June 2018

Dear Members of the Parish Family,

While during most of the summer we will be wearing the green vestments of ordinary time on Sunday, there are two days when white will be the "uniform of the day." One is the Solemnity of our patroness, Saint Martha, on 29 July (her actual feast day) and the other is today's Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist.

John was the bridge between the Old and New Testaments. Mark's Gospel (which we have been hearing in this "B" cycle of Sunday readings) begins with the words "Here begins the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God..." and then immediately mentions John crying out as a "voice in the wilderness." He is, in a real sense, the last prophet of the Old Testament and first prophetic voice in the New (the most perfect of which is Jesus, the Word Himself, proclaimed until the end of time by His Body, the Church).

John was the son of a priest, and therefore was heir to the rather comfortable lifestyle a priest of the Temple would have, as well as the respect and connections and general clout that went along with that office. Instead, he wore animal skins, lived in the desert, and proclaimed the coming of the One who would forever be Great High Priest.

In a day when truth is muffled or sidestepped, lest we offend delicate ears, let's draw courage from the wild man in the desert who spoke and prepared for the Truth—even at the cost of his own comfort, freedom, and life.

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

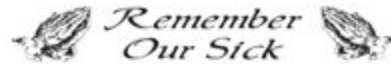
God's Love,  
Fr. Al



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, Liz Borghise, Patricia Brennan, Michael Buck, Robert Buck, Zachary Canale-Schall, Theresa Cantz, Angela Carozzo, 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, Thomas H. Kane, Jerry Kean, Loretta Ketner, Maryanne Klinewski, Albert Kolber, Jr., Robert Konschak, Joseph Kubach, Janet Ladzenski, Joseph Laffey, 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, 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

**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  
has been donated this week  
in memory of  
Catherine and Thomas J. Scary, Sr.*

*There were no intentions for the  
Bread and Wine this week*

**June 24, 2018 The Nativity of St. John the Baptist**

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**The Nativity of St. John the Baptist**  
 5:00 PM +Harry Geiss III  
**Sunday, June 24, 2018 ~ The Nativity of St. John the Baptist**  
 8:00 AM +Intention of Celebrant  
 10:00 AM +People of St. Martha  
 12 Noon +Hilda & John Paul Andersen, Sr.  
**Monday, June 25, 2018**  
 8:15 AM +All Living & Deceased Fathers  
**Tuesday, June 26, 2018**  
 8:15 AM +James H. Stuart  
**Wednesday, June 27, 2018 ~ St. Cyril of Alexandria**  
 8:15 AM +Michael Tandy  
**Thursday, June 28, 2018 ~ St. Irenaeus**  
 8:15 AM +Marian & Foster Johnson  
**Friday, June 29, 2018 ~ SS. Peter and Paul**  
 8:15 AM +All Living and Deceased Fathers  
**Saturday, June 30, 2018 ~ The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church**  
 8:15 AM +Rick & Helen Konstance (Living)  
**13th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 5:00 PM +Francis Fox  
**Sunday, July 1, 2018 ~ 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 8:00 AM +Intention of Celebrant  
 10:00 AM +People of St. Martha  
 12 Noon +Marian DiLauro

**WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR**

**Sunday, June 24, 2018 ~ The Nativity of St. John the Baptist**  
 9:30 AM –12:30 PM ~ Uniform Swap/Seminar Room  
 10:00 AM ~ CLOW  
**Monday, June 25, 2018**  
 7:00 PM ~ Rosary/Church  
 7:00 PM ~ Calendar Meeting  
**Sunday, July 1, 2018 ~ 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 10:00 AM ~ CLOW

**DISNEY IN OUR FUTURE?**

The pastor is thinking long range, and might explore another Disney trip in late August 2019. Crowds are smaller, weather is bearable, and prices are better. Let him know if you are interested, and start saving your pennies!

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.

**Christmas in July**

The pastoral needs of St. Martha don't take a summer break! If you are buying Scrip or if you could turn in a monetary donation, it would be very helpful at this time. Just place an envelope marked Christmas in July in the Sunday collection or drop off your donation at the rectory during office hours for Sister Claire. This will really help our families in need this summer. God bless your thoughtfulness to St. Martha's Parish Community.



**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](mailto:acalvo@stmarthapa.org) or at 215-632-3720.



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.

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.



**“SPOTLIGHT ON  
ST. MARTHA SCHOOL”**



Congratulations to the Class of 2018 of St. Martha Parish School who received Academic Awards

Excellence in the study of Religion  
Ryan Tobin

Excellence in the study of Mathematics  
Kaitlyn Brace

Excellence in the study of Social Studies  
Patrick Malloy

Excellence in the study of English language Arts  
Sophia Bottiglieri

Excellence in the study of Science  
Nicholas Nowosielski

Excellence in the study of Computer Science  
DJ Malloy

Excellence in the study of Physical Education  
Nicholas McGinnis

Excellence in the study of Latin Language  
Kaitlyn Brace

Overall Outstanding Academic Excellence  
Andrew Wang

Yes, Yes SMS!



**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!

**Archbishop Ryan Summer Camps**

**Don’t be left out!**

Football ~ July 9-13

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Wrestling ~ August 20-24

9th Grade Transitional Workshop ~ July 30– Aug 3

Scholarship Test Prep Course ~ Aug 20-24

To learn more and register go to  
[www.Archbishopryan.com/camps](http://www.Archbishopryan.com/camps)

**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.



**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!



**FULL-TIME MAINTENANCE POSITION  
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There is a full time maintenance position available at St. Anselm Parish, 12670 Dunksferry Rd. The position requires knowledge of heating, air-conditioning, electrical, and plumbing capabilities. Most of our HVAC and plumbing/ electrical apparatus are serviced and maintained by outside contractors. An overview and maintenance, as needed, is required.

A competitive full-time salary is offered; along with health benefits. If interested and qualified, please contact Father Chiriaco, Pastor, at 215-637-3525 or [fatherchiriaco@stanselparish.com](mailto:fatherchiriaco@stanselparish.com)

**Help St. Martha, Benefit Yourself**

We have the ability to donate to charity from a qualified IRA account, tax free. Here is how it works. Any portion of the IRS defined yearly required minimum distribution (RMD) of persons age 70 1/2 and over must be donated directly to a qualified charity. This is called a Qualified Charitable Distribution or QCD. Contact the custodian of your qualified IRA and instruct them to make whatever distribution you desire directly to St. Martha Roman Catholic Church. You will be provided documentation supporting the donation. Again, the amount donated is tax free during the applicable tax year. This is an opportunity to support our church and get a tax break. Consulting your tax advisor/preparer will help you fully understand the process and record required for tax filing.

**YOU ARE INVITED**

Our Blessed Mother, on many occasions, has asked her children to pray the rosary. To honor that request, you are invited to join in the recitation of the rosary every Monday at 7:00 PM in the church. Please come as a family, come with a friend or come alone.



**MOTHER'S PRAYER GROUP**

The Mother's Prayer Group at St. Martha's meets on the **first** and **third** Mondays of the month. We meet from 7:30-8:30 PM in the Chapel on the first floor of the school. We pray for our children and the intentions of each other. Join us! If you need additional information, contact Margaret Breen at 215-637-5666

**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](mailto: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!*

**ATTENTION!!!!**  
**EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE**  
**FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY**



Any information that needs to be printed in the bulletin for July 8th must be to the rectory by Thursday, June 28th. Thank you!

Looking for local Catholic news? It's as easy as email— sign up for the free, twice-weekly email newsletter of **CatholicPhilly.com**, official news website of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Sign up at [CatholicPhilly.com/newsletter](http://CatholicPhilly.com/newsletter)

**ARE YOU GLUTEN INTOLERANT?**

The parish has special gluten-free hosts for those who suffer from celiac or other diseases which call for a gluten-free diet. Talk to Father Al and he will tell you how to make use of this opportunity.

**"CARE AND SHARE" MEDICAL ASSISTANCE**  
**ITEMS AVAILABLE**

~ Our parishioners have been very generous in their response to "Care and Share". If you or someone you know is in need of a walker, bath chair, etc., please check the "Care and Share" poster on the vestibule bulletin board. What you need, even if you already have one but could use another one, could be available at low cost or free. If you have an item that you no longer need and someone else could use please post on the poster.

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