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, Rob Byrne, Mike Ragucci, Tracey Brown, Kathy O’Neill, Nancy Cozzi
Ex officio: Mrs. Karen Donofry, Deacon Ray Gwynn, Fr. Al Masluk, Msgr. Andrew Golias, Deacon Steve Guckin, Scott Lash
WELCOME TO ST. MARTHA PARISH

Tithing -- God’s Plan for Giving
“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
“…Rather, we wanted to present ourselves as a model for you, so that you might imitate us.” (2 Thessalonians 3:9)

Stewardship is a Way of Life
Most people who live a grateful and generous lifestyle don’t go around bragging about it. But through their actions and words, others do take notice. They notice because of the joy and peace that results and other people desire this in their own life. Know that the way you live your life may be the only interaction others have with our Catholic faith.

Tithing of Treasure
Weekend of November 10, 2019: $8,018.00
Weekend of November 11, 2018: $11,041.00
Children's Offering for November 10, 2019 (Included in Tithe): $41.00
High School Offering for November 10, 2019 (Included in Tithe): $16.00
School Offering: $30.00
Building and Maintenance: $585.00
Holy Days: $67.00
Mission Sunday: $198.00

Tithing Time and Talent
Spending Time with God in Prayer:
Pray that our newly-confirmed may be strong in their practice of and witness to their Catholic Faith!
Using Talents to build God's Church:
Take a look at the listing of ministries inside the bulletin, and go to the parish website, www.stmartachurch.com, for a fuller description of each. Surely, you have talents to share with the parish family!

CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING
We offer the convenience of secure electronic giving using any electronic device!
Simply go to stmartachurch.com
1. From any mobile device, tap on the Menu and select “Online Giving.” From a computer, click “Online Giving.”
2. Login or Create Profile.
3. You can either add one transaction, or schedule out multiple transactions (such as regular Sunday collections or pledged amounts for a campaign). The amounts you enter will draft from your bank account, or charge your credit card.

Contact Scott Lash at the Rectory (215-632-3720) for more information, or for assistance in setting up your Online Giving profile.

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 Whiteley  632-3720
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  632-3720
Holy Dusters  Betty Janco  637-6671
Home & School  Jennifer Grega  267-230-8905
Knights of Columbus  Scott Lash  632-3720
Prayer Group  Bobbie Harrison  637-5441
Pre Cana  Rectory  632-3720
Pro Life  Ed & Margie Clark  215-671-6805
Seniors  Dave Francis  637-8844
Ushers  Carol Lynn Steffen  637-2531
Ladies Who Love  Art Calvo  632-3720
Alumni  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.
Sick Parishioners, Relatives and Friends

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, Christopher D. Hingley, Jerry Kean, Samuel Kline, Patrick R. Lewis, Ricky Mallon, Mark McAllister, Nicholas McKee, Brett McMonagle, Jim Schickling, Adam Spina, Eric Trudell 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 and the Bread and Wine have been donated this week in memory of

Ann Mordeczko

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.

God’s Love,
Fr. Al
Mass Intentions for the Week

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WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, November 17, 2019 – 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
No CCD
10:00 AM ~ CLOW
12 Noon ~ Confirmation

Monday, November 18, 2019
7:00 PM ~ Rosary/Church
7:00 PM ~ Board of Limited Jurisdiction/Finance Meeting/Rectory

Tuesday, November 19, 2019
7:00 PM ~ Adult Choir/Church

Thursday, November 21, 2019
7:30 PM ~ Finance Council Meeting/Rectory

Friday, November 22, 2019
8:15 AM ~ Mass (Grades 1-4)

Sunday, November 24, 2019 – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
8:00 AM ~ CCD/Children Meet in Chapel
10:00 AM ~ CLOW

Knights Knook...
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Next Weekend
Our annual food and coat drive will be held at all Masses (11/23/19-11/24/19). Your donations benefit Caring for Friends, and St. John’s Hospice in Philadelphia. Members of Mary Queen of Angles will be staging a collection area outside of the North (Comly Road) entrance of the church. Your efforts to “feed the hungry and clothe the naked” are appreciated. Look for the paper food bags in Church.

Please note that while we reported in last week’s bulletin that the food and coat drive would be held today, members of our Council are stationed outside the church to take in your early donations.

Saturday, November 23, 2019
Blood drive from 9AM to 2PM in the gym. Contact Jerry Bowes at 215-552-9204 or email to noleak872@aol.com with questions, or to register. Give blood, save a life!

Thanksgiving Turkey Trot

It is time to start thinking about preparations for Thanksgiving and hopefully remember families in our parish community.

Cash donations or Scrip (Shoprite, Acme, Walmart, etc.) are most welcome!

Please place your donation in an envelope and put it in the collection basket on Sunday, or drop it off at the rectory for Sister Claire McMahon. Mark: Turkey Trot.

The Pastor, Principal, Faculty, Staff, and Student Body would like to thank everyone who helped make our Beef n Beer an overwhelming success.
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 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 register after any Sunday Mass. Welcome!

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, January 9, 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.

“SPOTLIGHT ON ST. MARTHA SCHOOL”

This week, I asked our third graders what they liked best about third grade and here are their responses:

- Aubrey: When Ms. Sassa reads us a story
- Jarelly: Reading
- Mileena: Spelling
- Michael: Being here with us
- Marcus: Religion
- Xhoel: Social Studies
- Olivia: My friends
- Carter: Social Studies
- Maddox: Science
- Isabella: Math
- Marianna: Art
- Keira: Writing journals
- Ms. Sassa: When the lunch monitors tell me how great my class is at lunch

“INTO THE WOODS” SAVE the DATE: November 22, 23, and 24 at Archbishop Ryan High School!

Come see the play “Into the Woods” on Friday, November 22 (7:30 PM), Saturday, November 23 (7:30 PM), and Sunday, November 24 (1:00 PM). Many of our students are performing and would love to see you there. Kudos to our seventh graders: Alice Bunnah, Kassidy Callahan, Patrick McCrossan, Addison Welk, and Zoey Welk and eighth graders: Emily Kline and Christopher Yengbeh. You will probably recognize many SMS alumni also performing. SMS grades PK through 8 will be attending a special school performance on Wednesday, November 20.

Do you now 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).

SMS ~ A LITTLE SCHOOL WITH A BIG HEART!

ATTENTION!!!

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE

Any information that needs to be printed in the December 1 bulletin must be to the rectory no later than Thursday, November 21. Thank you!!!!!

“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.
ST. MARTHA SENIORS

**Hurry, hurry!!!!** A few tickets remain for St. Martha Seniors’ trip to the Bucks County Playhouse on Wednesday, December 18, 2019 to see “Ebenez Scrooge’s Big Playhouse Xmas Show.” The cost is $104.00 and includes lunch at the Deck. The bus will leave St. Martha’s parking lot at 10:00 AM. For more information and to reserve your seat, contact Maria Francis at 215-637-8844.

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

LUNCH TRIPS SPEAKERS GAMES

**General Meeting:** November 18, 2019  
Meeting Time: 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM in the Gym  
Doors open at: 11:30 AM  
Activity: Games  
Lunch will be served.

**Next Meeting:** December 9, 2019  
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!

The principal, faculty, staff and students of St. Martha School wish to thank those who have committed and been faithful to giving $10/month to our school. Your kind generosity is greatly appreciated. If anyone would like to join these faithful givers, simply put your $10 in an envelope, mark the envelope “Development” and drop it in the basket on any Sunday. Again THANK YOU!

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!

SCRIP NEWS

**Office Hours**  
Thursday: 6-8 PM  
Saturday: 9-11 AM  
Sunday: 9AM-1PM

Phone (215) 632-5821  
Email: smsmccrossan@yahoo.com  
Visit “Saint Martha Scrip” on Facebook

**News:** Did you know you can purchase scrip online? Stop in the office for a flyer with easy set up directions. There are hundreds of stores to choose from! You can also pre-order your scrip to ensure your purchases. Place your orders for your next home improvement project, vacation or Christmas shopping.

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

St. Martha’s School Class of 1974  
Saturday, November 30, 2019  
Come join us for our 45th (yes 45th!) reunion at the Ashburner Inn 8400 Torresdale Ave. Cost is $50 per person, buffet and open bar. Send checks by 11/13/19 payable to Jim Earley, 122 Claremont Dr. Lansdale, PA 19446. The committee members are: Donna Perrone Christensen, Colleen Plunkett Kopycienski, Chris Pietrafitta, Hank Glenn, Scott Lash, Jim Earley and Dan Miller  
Questions can be directed to Scott Lash at the Rectory

See you there!!!!

YOUR PRAYER REQUESTS WORLDWIDE

Add your prayer needs to this new global website, Prayers Unite the World. Your prayer request (which you can enter directly at the website or phone in to the rectory) will be sent to religious orders, schools, seminars, monasteries, colleges and parishes “united in prayer” around the world and joining you in prayer. If you think you are alone and no one cares, THINK AGAIN! https://prayersunitetheworld.org
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For More Information

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Sunday, October 20, 2019 - Saturday, October 26, 2019 - Saturday, November 2, 2019
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