



THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF SAINT MARTHA

May 22, 2022 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Mass:

Saturday Vigil 4:30 pm
Sunday 7:30 am
 10:00 am
 12:00 noon

Daily Mass:

Tuesday - Friday 9:00 am

SACRAMENTS

Anointing of the Sick: Please call the parish office to make arrangements. If anointing is for Covid, please let Fr. Dave know. He will anoint the person, but there is a different protocol for that sick call.

Baptisms: Please call the parish office to make arrangements. 732-295-3630. *Parents' Preparation Sessions* are currently on-line.

Confessions: Saturday, 3:00 - 4:00 pm, or on Friday from 9:30 – 10:20 am.

Marriages: Please call the parish office to make arrangements one year in advance. Please confirm with the parish before setting your date at your venue.

DEVOTIONS

Novenas: Wednesday- Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Novena.

Thursday - St Therese of the Child Jesus

Rosary: Tuesday-Friday, 8:30 am

CLERGY & PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Rev. David Swantek

Assisting Retired Priests: Rev. Dominic Fuccile
Rev. Tony Lionelli
Rev. Msgr. Bill Stober

Deacons: John E. Barrett
Bob Golden
Fran Groff

Staff:

Director of Religious Education: Georgina Kotz
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Coordinator of Youth Ministry: Bob Morris
Director of Liturgical Music: Jessica Kortenhaus
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OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Friday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Tuesday 9:00 am – 8:00 pm

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We welcome all who seek to grow in faith and love just as St. Martha welcomed Jesus into her home.
If you'd like to join our parish, please call 732-295-3630



May 22nd Sixth Sunday of Easter

1st Collection: Weekly Collection
2nd Collection: Building & Grounds

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 21, 2022

4:30 pm Michael Piscitelli

Sunday, May 22, 2022

7:30 am Ruth & Joseph Dempsey
10:00 am People of the Parish
12:00 pm John & Mary Monziona

Tuesday, May 24, 2022

9:00 am Garry Mounce

Wednesday, May 25, 2022

9:00 am Janet Kirchhof

Thursday, May 26, 2022

9:00 am John J. & Mary Mae Malloy

Friday, May 27, 2022

9:00 am Patrick Devlin

Saturday, May 28, 2022

4:30 pm Angelo Guadagnino

Sunday, May 29, 2022

7:30 am Jean Kiesnowski
10:00 am The Farshtay Families
12:00 pm People of the Parish

Memorial Gifts – May 21st to May 27th

Tabernacle Candle: Gerard DeVito
Flowers to the Holy Family: Eugene Huebner

Gospel Readings

Sun: John 14:23-29
Mon: John 15:26-16:4a
Tues: John 16:5-11
Wed: John 16:12-15
Thurs: John 16:16-20
Fri: John 16:20-23
Sat: John 16:23b-28

Our Dearly Departed

Please remember in your prayers the deceased members of our parish, especially for Elizabeth Tassillo.

Easter Collection Historical Chart

Easter 2017	\$	50,178.16
Easter 2018		52,080.13
Easter 2019		53,962.15
Easter 2020		43,245.00
Easter 2021		41,211.00
Easter 2022		58,816.00

*online viewers/out of state donations included above \$ 3,913.00.

The Society of St Vincent de Paul

Need Help? Our Parish is here to help. Call our St. Vincent De Paul Society at 732-295-3630 ext. 33. All calls are confidential.

The Society of St Vincent de Paul will meet on Monday, May 23rd, at 6:30 PM, in the Parish hall. If you are interested in learning more about us, please come to our meetings.

Thursday, May 26th Ascension of the Lord, is no longer a Holy Day of Obligation, it has been moved to the Sunday, May 29th Mass.



Imagine you went to a restaurant you've never attended before – say, in a foreign country. Imagine also that you had a friend who spends time in that country every year and, in particular, frequents that restaurant. Would you ask that friend for advice on what to order?

If your friend says, "Any one of the breakfast options are delicious, satisfying, and priced fairly. But the Squirrel-pancakes are disgusting, and you shouldn't eat them." Would you listen?

Cragly might find it a hard thing, although she does love eggs.

Would it be rational to assume that if your friend told you to refrain from one item on the menu, that, in fact, said menu option was being offered?

Of course.

So too for Christians regarding marriage in the early church. Into the Jewish, Greek, and Pagan worlds the early Christians spread the Gospel message of Jesus Christ – inviting diverse people from diverse cultures and practices into the "Way" of Jesus Christ. As they went into the Greek world, there were a number of relationships approved by the state and the culture – but not endorsed by God or the Gospel. While the various people of the various cultures could undertake various relationships – not so for Jews or Christians. Particularly, in today's first reading from ACTS in the New Testament, we hear the advice given to Christians living in a pagan world, "It is the decision of the Holy Spirit and of us not to place on you any burden beyond these necessities: namely, to abstain from meat sacrificed to idols, from blood, from meats of strangled animals, and from unlawful marriage. If you keep free of these, you will be doing what is right. Farewell."

Christians always lived in a wider world that had a multitude of "legal" or "culturally approved" marriages, and yet they were called to walk the "narrow path" that "leads to life." Not all available options are open to those who opt for following Jesus.

Jesus Himself says, "Wide is the road that leads to perdition and many find it. Narrow is the path that leads to life and few walk it."

We are those few.

In Christ,

Fr. Dave

Congratulations to Deacon Bob Golden – newly ordained, and Deacon John Barrett - two years and going strong. These men have had the Holy Spirit work inside their souls for their good, the good of their families, our parish, and the Catholic Church. Please congratulate them and continue to pray for their successful and fruitful ministry as Deacons: assisting the Bishop and pastor, burying the dead, comforting widows, baptizing, teaching, preaching, marrying, assisting at mass, enacting the beatitudes, and proclaiming the Gospel in their words and deeds – as well as carrying your prayers and concerns to God.



Religious Education Information

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"Grant me, O Mary, that I may get to know the cross; not only Jesus' cross, but whatever cross fits me best." – St. Gemma

Children's Religious Education

In Level 3, children have a chance to take Mary home with them through our "Traveling Mary" project. They bring home a statue of Mary for one week. They complete a worksheet where they can write a prayer and/or say what it was like to have Mary in their home. We will share some of their reflections.

"Dear Mother Mary, thank you for keeping me and my family and friends safe. Please bless all who are sick or dying. We are so happy to have you here and in our hearts. We love you! Love, Jules."

Lachlan said when Mary was in the house "it was normal, but my home felt safer at night and she was in the perfect spot to see. Dear Blessed Mother, help me through my life and keep me from sin. Amen."

St Martha Bible Camp Deadline to sign up for "Cathletics: Training to Be Champions for Christ" is approaching. Dates: June 27 through July 1. Time: 9:30am to 12:30pm. Ages 4 – 10. Adult volunteers needed for small groups.

Catechist training "The Art of Catechesis" at St. Martha's. Part 1 Saturday, June 18th, from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm, and Part 2 Saturday, June 25th, from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. Questions, or to sign up, contact Barbara at reled@saintmartha.net or 732-295-3630 ext. 40.

All volunteers aged 18 and above for CCD, Bible camp and youth ministry must attend the Virtus workshop "Protecting God's Children." The workshop will be held at St. Martha's on June 11th.

All adults are welcome and encouraged to attend this free workshop. If you have taken the workshop but need a recertification, a session will be held on June 4. Online registration required. Go to virtusonline.org

CCD registration for 2022-2023. Deadline to register for Levels 6, 7 and 8 is June 1. The registration form link is <https://saintmartha.net/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Registration-2022-2023.pdf> If you have questions, please contact Barbara at reled@saintmartha.net or call 732-295-3630 ext. 40. Forms are also available at the parish office.

A reminder that preparation for the sacraments is at least two years. If your child is entering first grade in September, register them for Level 1.

Inspiration On Formed, "The Catholic Take on Star Wars" (19 minutes) <https://watch.formed.org/this-week-on-formed-may-2-2022/videos/the-catholic-take-on-star-wars>

Not on Formed? Go to formed.org and sign up as a parishioner for free access to Bible studies, movies, books, audio programs and more.

Deacon Ordination Celebration

On Sunday, May 22nd, at the noon mass, Bob will serve his first mass as a Deacon. Come and celebrate with Bob, his family and our church family on this great day. Immediately following the noon mass, we will have a small reception in the All-Purpose Room for the 2 men who have stepped up and heard the call to serve God and our parish as Deacons, Deacon John E. Barrett, ordained June 20, 2020, and newly-ordained Deacon Bob Golden.



Music Ministry

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Our entrance hymn today is "Glory and Praise to Our God." What an appropriate hymn as we celebrate the ordination of Deacon Bob Golden and of Deacon John Barrett! While this is a particularly momentous occasion to give glory and praise to God--every day there are moments big and small that we can give praise to God for and offer our thanksgiving--what is God doing in your life that you can celebrate today as well? Deacon Bob and Deacon John listened to the voice of God calling them to serve. While we may not be called to serve in the same way, God is always reaching out to us to guide us on our path--let's listen this week for his voice and give Thanksgiving for the wonderful things God does in our lives.

Today marks the final Sunday of our Children's Choir season. We thank all of the children who have worked hard all year and their parents for the support of this program. It is my hope that in September we will have even more children join this group and grow together musically and in their faith.

There is still an opportunity for the young people of our parish to be involved in our music ministry--middle school and high school aged teens who would like to help lead the music for Bible Camp and earn service hours while sharing their talents should have their parents contact Jessica: music1@saintmartha.net.

Deacon Celebrations: Congratulations to newly ordained Deacon Bob Golden and happy second anniversary of ordination to Deacon John Barrett. We have been blessed with the fruit of Deacon John's service and look forward to what the Holy Spirit has in store for Deacon Bob!

Confirmation Interviews: Our Confirmation candidates are finishing their Confirmation interviews this week. Please keep them in your prayers as they go through this crucial step in their journey toward receiving this final Sacrament of Initiation in the fall.

Vacation Bible Camp: We can still use a few more teen volunteers. If you are going into Levels 7 or 8, you can use that time for your parish community service hours. High schoolers also welcome.

Nursing Home/Assisted Living Summer Games: We are making arrangements to have youth visits to a couple of the area facilities to play board games and provide companionship to residents who really enjoy visits from the young community. Please let me know if you would be interested in this ministry.

BlueClaws game: Mark your calendars for a youth and family night at the BlueClaws on Friday, July 22 for a 7:05 PM game. This happens to be Marvel theme night and there will be postgame fireworks. More details coming soon.



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Jesus said to his disciples: "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him." Saint Martha, Father Dave, Cragly.

Virtus Training and Recertification

We will have Virtus Recertification training, for those individuals who have already been Virtus trained, in the All-Purpose Room on:

Saturday, June 4th, at 9:30 am

Friday, July 15th, at 9:30 am

Tuesday, August 16th, at 5:30 pm

If you have never been Virtus trained, we will have a Virtus training session in the All-Purpose Room on:

Saturday, June 11th, at 9:00 am

Tuesday, July 12th, at 5:30 pm

Wednesday, August 17th, at 9:30 am

Please go to Virtusonline.org to register.

Food Donations – Church of Epiphany

Each week, the food pantry is open Monday from 10 am until 12 noon and Saturday from 10 am until 1 pm. Anyone in need of food or gently used clothing is welcome during these hours. No appointment or introduction is needed. The Helping Hands Food Pantry is located in the Church of Epiphany Parish Hall, at the corner of Thiele Road and Herbertsville Road.

Food items: snacks, flavored and plain oatmeal, cereal, tea, coffee, juice, pasta sauce(jars), tomato sauce, hot dog rolls, bread, condiments and applesauce.

Household products: can opener, laundry detergent and dish detergent.

Toiletries/personal hygiene products/feminine hygiene products, paper towels, toilet paper, body soap/body wash, shampoo & conditioner.

DO NOT bring meat (chicken/pork chops/hot dogs, ground beef), fish, butter, cheese, fresh fruit/vegetables and frozen vegetables to St Martha. Please bring them directly to Epiphany. As always, thank you for helping those in need.

Sharing Our Treasure

Weekend of May 14th & 15th

Collection In Pew	\$ 11,873.70
Collection In Office	0.00
Charitable Donation/In Memory of	0.00
Donation- Mthly Food Program	0.00
Religious Education Tuition	0.00
Online Giving Parishioners*	572.00
Online Viewer Donations	854.50

*[www.SaintMartha.net/Contribute/\(PayPal\)](http://www.SaintMartha.net/Contribute/(PayPal))

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