



THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF SAINT MARTHA

July 12, 2026 – 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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
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SACRAMENTS

Anointing of the Sick: Please call the parish office to make arrangements.

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.

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

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Rev. Msgr. Bill Stober

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Bob Golden

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OFFICE HOURS:

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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



July 12, 2026, 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Collection: Weekly

2nd Collection: Building & Grounds

Saturday, July 11, 2026

4:30 pm Helen & John Hutnik

Sunday, July 12, 2026

7:30 am Bob & Marie Gardner

10:00 am Joseph Dato

12 noon People of the Parish

Tuesday, July 14, 2026

9:00 am Christopher Chelednik

Wednesday, July 15, 2026

9:00 am Raymond C. Lewis

Thursday, July 16, 2026

9:00 am Howard R. Hirst, Jr.

Friday, July 17, 2026

9:00 am Joseph Dato

Saturday, July 18, 2026

4:30 pm People of the Parish

Sunday, July 19, 2026

7:30 am Timothy Dunigan

10:00 am Charlotte Ann Church

12 noon The Rowe Family

Memorial Gifts – July 11th to July 17, 2026

Tabernacle Candle: Nancy Dormanski

Flowers to the Holy Family: Amanda Tuorto

St. Vincent de Paul Thanks to the conference of Saint Martha, many neighbors have received assistance with housing, utilities, food and with resources to help move forward. If you need assistance, call us at 732-295-3630, ext. 33, and leave a message.

Gospel Reading

Sun	Matthew	13:1-23
Mon	Matthew	10:34—11:1
Tues	Matthew	11:20-24
Wed	Matthew	11:25-27
Thurs	Matthew	11:28-30
Friday	Matthew	12:1-8
Sat	Matthew	12:14-21

Our Dearly Departed

Please remember in your prayers the deceased members of our parish, especially the Poor Souls in Purgatory.

Sharing Our Treasure

Weekend of June 27th & 28th

Collection in Pew	\$ 17,414.22
Collection in Office	2,077.00
Donation - Mthly Food Program	0.00
Religious Education Tuition- On Line	300.00
Religious Education Tuition/VBC	675.00
Online Giving Parishioners*	3,148.00
Online Viewer Donations	4,786.00

*www.Saintmartha.net/Donate/via/OSV or PayPal

Sharing Our Treasure

Weekend of July 4th & 5th

Collection in Pew	\$ 15,953.32
Collection in Office	6,707.00
Donation - Mthly Food Program	100.00
Religious Education Tuition- On Line	0.00
Religious Education Tuition/VBC	0.00
Online Giving Parishioners*	2,659.00
Online Viewer Donations	9,566.00

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Annual Catholic Appeal 2026

For 2026 our goal is \$87,000.00.

The Diocese of Trenton offices will be closed in observance of July 4th holiday. The weekly Annual Catholic Appeal reports will not be emailed this Friday and will resume on Friday, July 10.



Whenever this Gospel comes up, I'm tempted not to preach a homily, but just to stand in silence for a few moments after proclaiming the Gospel. Why?

Jesus tells us a parable - He also tells us what the parable means right after saying it.

"Hear then the parable of the sower.
The seed sown on the path is the one
who hears the word of the kingdom without understanding it,
and the evil one comes and steals away
what was sown in his heart.
The seed sown on rocky ground
is the one who hears the word and receives it at once with joy.
But he has no root and lasts only for a time.
When some tribulation or persecution comes because of the word,
he immediately falls away.
The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word,
but then worldly anxiety and the lure of riches choke the word
and it bears no fruit.
But the seed sown on rich soil
is the one who hears the word and understands it,
who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold."

We're all in there somewhere.

Some of us need more understanding; some of us need more discipline, some of us need more bravery, some of us need more detachment and simplicity. All of us need to yield to what God is doing in us and around us.

In Christ,

Fr. Dave



Religious Education Information

Georgina Kotz
732-295-3630 Ext 35

“Christ’s Lordship is real (‘many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see...’, i.e., Jesus himself, the Lord), but he wields it gently; he refuses to bully us into following him. He was the ‘sower’ of the parable, and he remains thus until today. His Church continues to plant the seed of truth but never forces hearts to welcome it.” – Fr John Bartunek

Children’s Religious Education

Traveling Mary Ella’s prayer to Mary, “Thank you for being our Mother in heaven and for always watching over me. You are so kind. Please help me to be a good person today. Please keep my family safe and healthy.” Stella said that the movie about St. Bernadette was great. She asked for Mary’s help and said, “I felt like God was in my heart even more.”

Please pray for all of our middle school children and the catechists who will begin their sessions next week. May God the Holy Spirit open their hearts and minds to the truth that is Jesus Christ.

Registration for 2026-2027 Level 1 on Sundays is full. Level 6 Session C (August) has been cancelled. We seek volunteers to share their faith with children in Levels 1 through 5. If you wish to volunteer, please contact Barbara at reled@saintmartha.net.

Inspiration Watch on Formed (10 minutes) “Does God Send People to Hell? The Truth About Mercy”

<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/3992125?cid=1493404>

Not on Formed? Go to signup.formed.org and enter the parish postal code, choose St Martha Church, then enter your name and email. You will have free access to Bible studies, movies, books, prayers, children’s programs, audio

programs and more.

A Night Prayer – Fr. Joseph Matlak

“Jesus Christ, my God, I adore You and thank You for all the graces You have given me this day. I offer You my sleep and all the moments of this night. I place myself and all my loved ones, wherever they may be, in Your sacred side and under the mantle of our Blessed Mother. Let Your holy angels stand watch and keep us in peace. Amen.”

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“But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.” Saint Martha, Father Dave, Cragly.

Missionary Co-Op

The collection for the Missionary Co-Op envelope will take place August 15 and 16, 2026. This year we welcome the Religious Teachers Filippini to talk about their missionary work.



Music Ministry

Jessica Kortenhaus

732-295-3630 Ext 34

Music1@saintmartha.net

Today is our first “Summer Pick-up Choir” of the year. It is a chance for anyone who has been looking to join the choir or been interested and wasn’t quite sure what it was like to try it out. How summer choir works, is that on the designated “Pick-up Choir” dates you come at 11:15 AM and practice with the choir—music will be provided for you. It is usually music that is somewhat familiar and easy to sing. Then we all sing 12 Noon Mass. You can even invite friends to join you! If you miss it today there will be 2 more opportunities to join us on August 2nd and August 30th. I hope you will consider trying out the choir. It is a wonderful group of individuals, and we have fun while singing and through fellowship together. For more information on our music ministry please email music1@saintmartha.net.

Knitters and Crocheters are needed.

This ministry makes blankets for the children being Baptized here at St Martha’s. Stop by the parish office to pick up the yarn and the pattern whether it is knitting or crochet. Thank you for your time and talent.

Ways to Give to the Church of St Martha

Many people don’t know that you can have a portion of your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) sent directly to the parish as a charitable contribution. Donating shares of stock is another way to donate to the parish. Many employers offer Matching Gifts for your charitable donations. If you have any questions about these or other ways to donate to the parish, now or via your Estate, please contact Nancy at 732-295-3630 ext. 32 or via email at business@saintmartha.net for more information.

Youth Ministry

Bob Morris

youth@saintmartha.net

732-295-3630 Ext 31

Cell 848-240-7354

“In all your deeds and words, you should look upon this Jesus as your model. Do so whether you are walking or keeping silence, or speaking, whether you are alone or with others. He is perfect, and thus you will be not only irreprehensible, but praiseworthy.” St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church, whose feast day is Wednesday, July 15. Join our youth group on Monday night, July 13 from 6:30-7:50 PM for summer fun, games, and treats. Weather permitting, we’ll be outside most of the time.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults and Children

If you are a Non-Catholic or a Catholic of any age and you are interested in completing your Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, First Eucharist, and Confirmation), please contact Bob Morris, youth@saintmartha.net or 732-295-3630 ext. 31. to set up an appointment to discuss the possibility and process of receiving the sacraments.

Little Bethlehem Christians – July 18 & 19

Trying to think of a beautiful gift to get a family member for their wedding, baptism, 1st Holy Communion, Confirmation, Christmas or just because? Consider a gift of an olive wood carving carved by a small group of Christian artisans in the Holy Land. The Little Bethlehem Christians, Siham and Ghassan Al Sahouri and family, will be at the Church of St Martha the weekend of July 18th and 19th with their olive wood carvings from the Holy Land.



St. Martha's Pizza on Earth: Distribution for July will be on Sunday, July 26th between 1:30 and 2:00 pm in the Church lobby. The deadline for ordering is Wed. 22nd. To order, leave a message at 732-295- 3630 ext. 46 with your first name, last initial, phone number and number of pizzas, 1 or 2. **PLEASE SPEAK SLOWLY AND CLEARLY.** You will receive a call or text by Thursday, July 23rd with your reservation number for pick-up.

Food Donations – Church of Epiphany

Each week, the food pantry is open on Monday from 10 am until 12 noon and Saturday from 10 am until 1 pm. 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: pasta sauce (jars), pancake mix & syrup, cooking oil, assorted dried beans, white rice, canned pasta, coffee and snacks. Dairy free/nut free/gluten free foods.

DO NOT bring meat (chicken, pork and hamburgers), fish, frozen vegetables, fresh fruit and vegetables, butter and cheese to St. Martha. Please bring them directly to Epiphany.

The pantry is open to all in need regardless of parish or religious affiliation or town of residence.

We thank St Martha's for your support of our pantry and our neighbors in need.

Organizations and Ministries

Annulment Ministry - Please contact the parish office for more information on annulments.

Bereavement – Meets Friday at 3:00 pm in the Dining Room. This is an 8-session program. The next session for this group is Fri., July 24th. Please call the parish office for info on the next session.

Holy Innocents - For God's special needs children. Please call the parish office for more information.

Knights of Columbus - Meets 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm. 732-295-3630, ext. 42.

St. Martha's Rosary Altar Society – Monday, September 14th at 12:00 noon, in the Church for the Rosary, followed by meeting in Dining Room.

St. Vincent de Paul – Next Meeting Monday, July 13th at 6:30 pm in the Dining Room.

Rosary Makers – Friday, July 17th at 10:00 am, in the Dining Room.

Prayer Shawls – Friday, September 25th at 12:00 pm in the Dining Room.

Many of our ministries and organizations take the summer off. Please check back throughout the summer for updates on upcoming Bible studies and when groups will be starting up in Sept.

Full Virtus Training and Recertification during Aug, Sept & Oct

We will be holding Virtus classes here at the parish.

If you have already been Virtus trained and you are up for renewal, we will be holding recertification classes in the All Purpose Room on:

Thursday, Aug 6 at 6:00 pm

Thursday, Sept 10 at 6:00 pm

Thursday, Oct 15 at 6:00 pm

If you have never been Virtus trained or were trained over 4 years ago, we will have a Virtus training session in the All Purpose Room on:

Thursday, Aug 27 at 5:00 pm

Thursday, Sept 17 at 5:00 pm

Thursday, Oct 1 at 5:00 pm

All attendees, please go to Virtusonline.org to register. Registration is free.

Offerings at Francis House of Prayer

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