



THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF SAINT MARTHA

October 18, 2026 – 29th 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

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 at least one year in advance. Please confirm with the parish before setting your date at your venue. Weddings are currently booked through the end of 2027.

DEVOTIONS

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

Thursday - St Therese of the Child Jesus

Rosary: Tuesday-Friday, 8:30 am

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Rev. David Swantek

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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



October 18, 2026, 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Collection: Weekly

2nd Collection: World Mission Sunday

Saturday, October 17, 2026

4:30 pm Mary Ellen O'Neill

Sunday, October 18, 2026

7:30 am Morton Tolan

10:00 am Arthur & Beverly Olson

12 noon People of the Parish

Tuesday, October 20, 2026

9:00 am Christopher Callahan

Wednesday, October 21, 2026

9:00 am Victoria & John Cherico

Thursday, October 22, 2026

9:00 am John O'Gara

Friday, October 23, 2026

9:00 am Howard R. Hirst, Jr

Saturday, October 24, 2026

4:30 pm Teresa & Robert Constantino 55th
Wedding Ann.

Sunday, October 25, 2026

7:30 am Luke Clayton

10:00 am People of the Parish

12 noon Deceased Members of the Faller &
Markey Families

Memorial Gifts – Oct. 17th to Oct. 23, 2026

Tabernacle Candle: Moton Tolan

Flowers to the Holy Family: Sue Epp

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	22:15-21
Mon	Luke	12:13-21
Tues	Luke	12:35-38
Wed	Luke	12:39-48
Thurs	Luke	12:49-53
Friday	Luke	12:54-59
Sat	Luke	13:1-9

Our Dearly Departed

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

Sharing Our Treasure

Weekend of Oct. 5th to Oct 11th

Collection in Pew	\$ 21,148.05
Collection in Office	3,622.00
Charitable Donations/In memory of	0.00
Donation - Mthly Food Program	100.00
Religious Education Tuition	0.00
Online Giving Summary	4,125.00

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

Bishop's Anniversary Blessing

For couples celebrating 1, 25 or 50+ years married.

Ocean and Monmouth Counties will be on Sunday, October 18th at Co-Cathedral of St Robert Bellarmine. The Address is: 61 Georgia Road, Freehold, NJ.

Mass begins at 3:00 PM

If you have any questions, you can email

bab@dioceseoftrenton.org

Couples can sign up or find updates directly through the [Diocese of Trenton Events Page](#).



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Religious Education Information

Georgina Kotz
732-295-3630 Ext 35

“An apostle who does not pray regularly and methodically will necessarily fall into lukewarmness ... and he will then cease to be an apostle” – St Josemaría Escrivá

Children’s Religious Education

In Level 1, children will learn that every person God creates is unique and unrepeatable and, just like pieces of a puzzle, every person is important. All people must be treated with dignity because we all are made in God’s image and likeness. The Ten Commandments are the topic of this week’s lesson in Level 2, the basic rules that help us to love God above all things and to treat others as we want to be treated. They will learn the important concept of “covenant.” A covenant is not a legal contract or agreement but implies a relationship. The New Covenant that Jesus brought about is the law of love, grace, and freedom. We are to love others as God loves us.

Faith at Home:

This week on October 19th we celebrate the martyrs of America, including St Isaac Jogues who, among other tortures, had part of his fingers chewed off by the Mohawks. Read more of his story at <https://www.jesuits.global/saint-blessed/saint-isaac-jogues/> Six other priests and laymen were also martyred in North America and remembered on this day. On October 22, another saint the Church remembers this week is Pope St John Paul II who was pope for over 26 years, from Oct 16, 1979 to Apr 2, 2005.

Inspiration Watch on Formed (43 minutes) “Why We Love Archbishop [now Blessed] Fulton Sheen” <https://app.formed.org/app/videos/4199779?cid=1439538>

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.

“Pope Leo’s first encyclical, *Magnifica Humanitas*, on the human person in the age of artificial intelligence, warns that technology ‘needs to be disarmed’ before it hollows out real relationship. The underlying worry is one that every parent at a Friday night game or Saturday morning meet already senses. It is getting easier to be near people and further from them at once, attention pulled toward a screen instead of the person beside us.” - Andrea M. Picciotti-Bayer

KIDS BOX

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Tell us, then, what is your opinion: Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?” Knowing their malice, Jesus said, “Why are you testing me, you hypocrites? Saint Martha, Father Dave, Cragly.



Music Ministry

Jessica Kortenhaus
732-295-3630 Ext 34
Music1@saintmartha.net

Today marks the return of our Children's Choir for the 2026-2027 season. We are very excited to have them join us at 10 AM to lead song. This group is always accepting new members in grades 1-8. Please consider having your child/grandchild join us. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays from 4:30-5:15 PM in the Church and before you know it, it will be time to begin preparations for Christmas Eve 4 PM Mass. If you have questions about our Children's Choir program, please see Jessica after any of the Masses, or email music1@saintmartha.net.

Today's hymns continue the theme of last week—we will sing the contemporary hymn by Matt Maher called, "Your Grace is Enough". This hymn is based off of the Scripture in the New Testament—"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Sometimes we may think we need to have a special skillset to answer the call of the Lord, but there is a saying, *God doesn't call the equipped. He equips the called.* May we all take the time this week in the quiet to listen to who God is calling us to be and what He would like us to do. Many times answering God's call involves going outside of our comfort zones, but when we do our lives begin to flourish in ways that are better than we could ever imagine. Have a blessed week!

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.

Youth Ministry

Bob Morris
youth@saintmartha.net
732-295-3630 Ext 31
Cell 848-240-7354

"My dear young people, only Jesus knows what is in your hearts and your deepest desires. Only He, who has loved you to the end can fulfil your aspirations. His are words of eternal life, words that give meaning to life. No one apart from Christ can give you true happiness. By following the example of Mary, you should know how to give Him your unconditional "yes". There is no place in your lives for selfishness or laziness. Now more than ever it is crucial that you be "watchers of the dawn", the lookouts who announce the light of dawn and the new springtime of the Gospel of which the buds can already be seen. Humanity is in urgent need of the witness of free and courageous young people who dare to go against the tide and proclaim with vigor and enthusiasm their personal faith in God, Lord and Saviour."-St. Pope John Paul II in an address to an audience of youth. His feast day is this Thursday, October 22.

Congratulations to our own 27 young people who received the Holy Spirit in the sacrament of Confirmation this past Friday night. These newly confirmed are ready to go out and live these words of St. Pope John Paul II, which I know they can do!

Join us at our next youth group meeting on Monday, October 19th from 6:30 -7:50 PM for a special service project to help kids in a poor country.

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.



St. Martha's Pizza on Earth: Distribution for October will be on Sunday, October 25th between 1:30 and 2:00 pm in the Church lobby. The deadline for ordering is Wed. 21st. 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, Oct. 22nd 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, assorted dried beans, canned vegetables, canned pasta, coffee and snacks. Dairy free/nut free/gluten free foods.

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

St Gregory's Pantry

Thank you for your continued support of St Gregory's Pantry. Your Congregation's generosity helps ensure that families in our community have access to nutritious food when they need it most.

For October, we are requesting donations of: Toilet paper, paper towels, plates, napkins & brown lunch bags.

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., October 30th. Please call the parish office for information.

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

Intercessory Prayer Group – Will meet Monday, November 2nd at 11:00 am in the Conference Room.

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, November 2nd at 12:00 noon, in the Church for the Rosary, followed by meeting in Dining Room.

Rosary Altar Society Game Show Experience!

Saturday, October 24th 6-9 pm @ \$25 per person

Tuesday Night Parish Bible Study – 6:30 pm until 7:45 pm Downstair common area.

Thursday Morning Bible Study

Thursday from 10AM – 11:15AM
(in the downstairs common area).

St. Vincent de Paul – Next Meeting Monday, October 26th at 6:30 pm in the Dining Room.

Rosary Makers – Friday, October 30th at 10:00 am, in the Dining Room.

Prayer Shawls – Friday, October 30th at 12:00 pm in the Dining Room.

Walking with Purpose Bible Study

Either session. Morning, 9:30-11:00 am. (Downstairs Common Area) Evening, 6:15-7:45 pm. Register online: <https://tinyurl.com/mrp25kbb>

Wednesday Bible Study - Genesis: From Creation

to Covenant from 6pm to 7:30pm in the all-purpose room. Meeting Dates: Oct. 21, 28. Nov 4, 18, Dec 2. Registration: reled@saintmartha.net or call 732-295-3630 ext. 40. Study

Materials: <https://ascensionpress/genesis>

Calling all Crafters! Knights of Columbus Craft Fair

Being held Sunday, November 29th 7am-2pm at St. Martha's Church. Deadline to reserve tables @ \$30 each is November 1st by email to Luis Neris luisneriss@gmail.com or text at (732) 691-7741.

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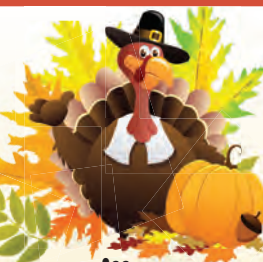
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