

ST. MARTHA CATHOLIC CHURCH USA National Circus Church The Pallonttines (Society of Catholic Apostolate)



#### **Mass Schedule**

Saturday 7:30am • 8:30am • 4pm (Church) Vigil 4pm (Hall) Vigil • 5:30pm Vigil 7:30am • 9am (Church) • 9am (Hall) Sunday 10:30am (Church) - 10:30am (Hall) - 12pm - 5:30pm 12pm Vietnamese (Parish Hall)

Weekday 7:30am • 8:30am • 12pm • 5:30pm

**Confession** - Reconciliation Room Saturday 9-10am • 3-4pm Sunday-Friday 11:30am **Eucharistic Adoration** - Carosella Chapel Tuesday-Thursday 9am-12pm

Rosary Rosary prayed after 7:30am Mass

### St. Martha Catholic Church

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# From Our Pastor, Father George

April 7, 2024 - Second Sunday of Easter/Sunday of Divine Mercy From Deacon Bill Ladroga

#### Dear Parishioners of St. Martha,

West Virginia is a rugged and beautiful State. But there's also a desperate poverty among the people who live in the hills. Often the only jobs to be found are in the coal mines: a dangerous work that provides income as long as the coal lasts -- or as long as you can avoid being injured by an accident or crippled by black lung disease. When the coal runs out, the companies move on, but the people stay behind. They are like *leftovers* or *remnants*.

Among these poor, nothing is wasted or thrown out. The women save scraps of clothing in *remnant bags*. When you look into these bags all you would see at first glance are worthless bits of cloth, good for nothing but dusting the furniture or mopping up spills. But in the hands of gifted women, they're worked into beautiful quilts. What appears to be useless is made into treasure in the hands of the quilter. We don't have to go very far here in Sarasota either. Go the Amish/Mennonite Bahia Vista section of town and see hand-made quilts. Recall some of the prices you see on Antiques Roadshow for those quilts too!

I wonder if that's what God does with us too? Does God take each one of us and weave us all into something beautiful: his work of art known as his Church? Each of us has a particular talent (great or small) to be used for our brothers and sisters, a *color*, a *texture* if you will, that makes us unique. Some people are great at reading Scripture; some have marvelous singing voices. Some are wonderfully compassionate in bringing Communion to the sick. Some are great at being ushers, greeting strangers who come to worship here; some are great teachers of our youth.

Our talents have been given to us by God for the good of all. When we work together, we make up the mystical body of Christ. Each of us has been given a share in the working of the Holy Spirit and each of us has something to contribute to the overall fabric of wherever God has put us. Maybe our individual efforts don't seem like much to us but when added to the efforts of everyone else, we stand out in beauty together. But when we don't let our talents be used, there's a gaping hole: something missing in the fabric that makes up the body of Christ.

But how do we recognize our talents? Who is it that can help us figure out where be belong in the "quilt" of life? Someone who we sometimes forget about — the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit has sometimes been described as the *forgotten person of the Holy Trinity*. It can be easy for us to pray to the Father and think of Him as Creator, Author of life, all-powerful, all-knowing. We can easily think of Jesus as the manifestation of the Father's love: our brother, our Savior, our Redeemer, especially on this Divine Mercy Sunday. The Polish saint, St. Maria Faustina Kowalska saw Jesus and recorded that He wants this feast to be "a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners."

But we can forget that it's the Holy Spirit that is present in the Church: leading, guiding and nurturing it. *I will ask the father and he will give you another Paraclete -- to be with you always,* Jesus said. It's the Holy Spirit that is present in each of us as we work together to bring our gifts to the service of one another.

Today we're reminded that the only reason we have anything to contribute at all is because the Spirit is at work in each one of us at every moment of our lives. When we work together, our full beauty shows for all to see.

You may not think that you have much to contribute, but think about one of those prize-winning quilts in made in West Virginia or the Bahia Vista Amish-Mennonite area with one of the patches missing. View this bulletin online at www.DiscoverMass.com



#### From Father George

Thank you for your Easter gifts and presents! - On behalf of all priests and deacons of our parish I would like to thank everyone wholeheartedly for your love and generosity that you showed through the gifts and presents which were given to us during this time of Easter.

May God be so loving and good to you as you are to us! God bless you!

**Divine Mercy Sunday (April 7)** - We are going to hold the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the prayer of the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy at **2:30pm** in our church and then the special Mass at **3pm** to mark this Feast of God's mercy.

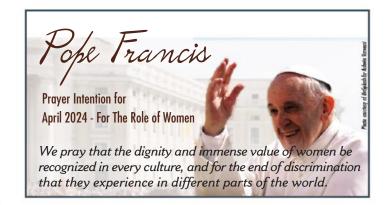
When Pope John Paul II canonized Sister Faustina on April 30, 2000, he surprised everyone by proclaiming that throughout the world the Second Sunday of Easter will receive the name Divine Mercy Sunday. He called the new feast day an invitation to Christians to face with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind will experience in the years to come. The Pope went on to declare, This is the happiest day of my life.

We ask God to raise our Dead to everlasting life! - The time of Easter is the time to pray for our Deceased. We believe that Jesus, after his death on the cross, reached the deepest abyss to call the dead and raised them to eternal life. Through his resurrection he has opened the gate of eternal life. May all the Faithful Departed rest in peace!

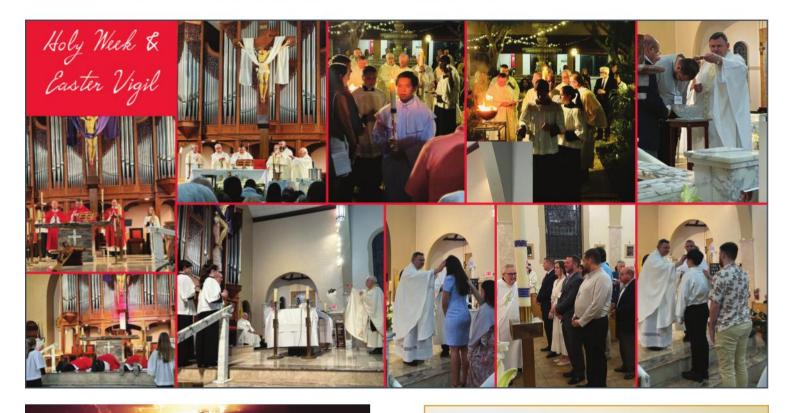
**Fr. Chris Frost will be leaving St. Martha's parish!** - The new regulations from March 2023 of the US Immigration Office have blocked Fr. Chris' application for a Green Card, consequently when his working Visa expires at the end of May 2024, he will have to leave the country. These regulations affect thousands of foreign Religious Workers of different religions and denominations from all over the world who currently work in the United States. We are planning the *Thank you* party for Fr. Chris on Saturday, May 18, 2024, at 6:30pm in our parish hall.

Next Sunday (April 14, 2024) is the Third Sunday of Easter

With prayers for God's blessing to you and your family, *Father George* 







## **Emmaus Journey Bible Study**

Bring your Bible and a desire to share and learn with fellow participants with facilitator and parishioner Lindy Donahue. All are welcome! **Tuesdays** 10:30-11:30am (including Summer) St. Martha Catholic Church, Conference Room Lindy 724.263.8285 lindydonahue@mac.com

### MARY, MOTHER **OF THE EUCHARIST**

13TH ANNUAL MARIAN EUCHARISTIC CONFERENCE

May 10-12, 2024 Ave Maria University

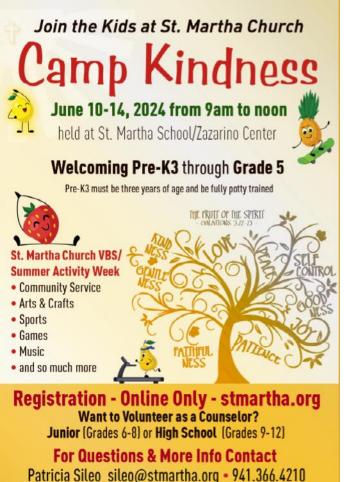
With speakers including Raymond Arroyo, Johnnette Williams, Fr. Robert

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Thursday mornings at 10am for Lectio Divina classes in Geenen Hall.



St. Martha School Zazarino Center 4380 Fruitville Road Sarasota



### **Weekly Mass Intentions**

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Sun, April 7	Acts 4:32-35; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31
7:30am [JR]	Ryan Halstead by Mother
	(Hall/Spanish) Special Intentions
	(L) Margaret Henderson by Margaret
	(Hall) Henry and Chesterine Drabicki by the Ordonez Family
10:30am [CF]	For All Parishioners
10·30am [FS]	(Hall) (L) God's Blessing for the Marenco Family by Fr. George
10.000m [F5]	Dino Ippolito by the Alaimo Family
12.00µm [UJ]	(Hall/Vietnamese) Special Intentions
12.00µiii [J¥]	Gerald Boryszewski, Jr. by the Boryszewski Family
	ls 7:10-14; 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
	(L) Tom Sheridan by David and Paula Shigley
8:30am []	Robert Hopkins by Gary and Antoniela
12:00pm []	Peg Ryan by John Slattery
5:30pm []	(L) Megan McGruder Stephens by John and Mary McGrude
	Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15
7.20 am []	Rick Gunter by Mary Tronabene-Coleman
	Edward Barrett by Elizabeth Jeselson
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12:00pm []	(L) Louise and Joanie by Friend
	Thomas Joseph Norton by Gerard Norton
	Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21
	Frances Stemley by David and Paula Shigley
8:30am []	Brian Ford by Mary Tronabene-Coleman
12:00pm []	Eugene Kruk & Fred Cebrowski by Stephanie & Milton Kruk
5:30pm	Sylvia Doherty by Margaret Keffer
	Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36
	Souls in Purgatory by John and Stephanie Iacopelli
8:30am []	
12.00nm []	Thomas Campbell by Nancy Campbell
12.00µm []	Thomas & Dolores Wilson by Jean Birkey
Fri, April 12	Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6: 1-15
	Nick Danella by David and Paula Shigely
8:30am []	The Vincent LoCicero Family by Helen Halpern
12:00pm []	Carmen Tarantino by Stephanie and John Iacopelli
5:30pm []	(L) Fr. Fausto by Tony and Edna DiBianca
	Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21
7:30am []	(L) Ed Kisch by Bernie and Alane Gismondi
8:30am []	Jeff Chubick by Samantha
	(L) Special Intention by Mom
5:30pm	Gene McLoone by Ellen Roderick
	Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48
	Erich Kolar by Mom
/.4Juiii []	(Hall/Spanish) Special Intentions
9:00am []	Lucille and John Buyko by Ann Crowley
	(Hall) (L) Fiorella Duarte by Mom and Dad
10:30am []	
	Aldo Giovanucci by Rita Giovanucci
	(Hall/Vietnamese) Special Intentions
5:30pm []	L & D Mbrs of the Plouffe Family by Joe & Betty Plouffe
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гг. George (GS), Fr. Jan (J	R), Fr. Chris (CF), Fr. Joseph (JV), Fr. Celestino (CG), Fr. Fausto (FS)



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#### "If you can reach the heart, the behavior will take care of itself."

Lisa Brenninkmeyer, Founder and Chief Purpose Officer, Walking with Purpose

We so badly want to teach our children well, but how often do we discipline our children for outward behavior rather than reaching the heart? This week, the women of Walking with Purpose invite you to join us to watch the Opening Your Heart video, Children – Reaching Your Child's Heart. Together we will learn to discipline those we love in the way that God intended, with the truths that God values..

Come with a desire to better teh next generation, have great conversation, and drink good coffee!

#### JOIN US TO SEE WHAT WE ARE ABOUT! Wed, April 10, 2024 from 9:30-11:30am - Geenen Hall

**Questions?** 

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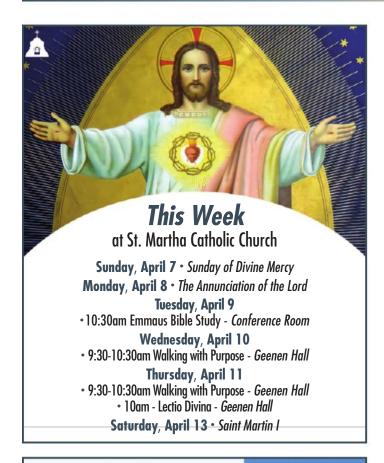
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#### St. Martha Clergy

Rev. George Suszko, S.A.C. Pastor Rev. Jan Rykala, S.A.C. Rev. Krzysztof *Chris* Frost, S.A.C. Rev. Joseph Vu, C.R.M., *Hospital Chaplain* Very Rev. Fausto Stampiglia, S.A.C. *(Retired)* Rev. Deacon William Ladroga Rev. Deacon C. Patrick Macaulay Rev. Deacon Robert Gaitens Rev. Deacon Vern Smith Sr. Cathy Bonfield, S.S.N.D. Br. Lawrence Skitzki, C.S.C. Br. William Dygert, C.S.C.

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# **HELPING HOMELESS FAMILIES**

Family Promise of Sarasota-Manatee (FPSM)

takes a holistic approach to the crisis of families with children facing homelessness. In partnership with multiple social service agencies, **FPSM** offers families with children a variety of services: case management, affordable child care referrals, negotiation strategies with debt agencies and landlords, emergency funds and other community resources to stay in or obtain safe, sustainable housing.

FPSM is supported by 20 interfaith congregations, including St. Martha. If you are a family in danger of eviction, call 211.

FamilyPromise of Sarasota-Manatee Learn More / Donate familypromisesarasota-manatee.org

St Martha's Caritas Pantry

Volunteers Needed for Caritas contact volunteer@stmartha.org

*Caritas*, an outreach ministry providing assistance with utility payments, food, transportation, prescriptions, and work attire for thousands of Sarasota in acute financial need.

This is a joint effort by First Baptist Church, First Presbyterian Church, Church of the Redeemer, St. Martha Catholic Church, and First United Methodist Church

We are honored to serve our community.Great work all and thank you! January-March 2024 we served 1,959 households and 3,562 individuals 602 Children and 2,960 Adults.

# HELP WANTED Hospital Volunteer



We are looking for a friendly and personable person to serve as an usher at weekend liturgies. As a member of a four-person team, the duties include welcoming, assisting with seating, collecting the offertory, distributing bulletins, and insuring a safe environment for all worshippers.

Shifts last 1 ½ hours. Volunteers are needed to join the Sunday 7:30 AM, 9am, 12pm, and 5:30pm usher teams.

No experience required. Training provided.

Interested persons should contact Stuart Love, Volunteer Coordinator 941-780-7834 • volunteer@stmartha.org

#### Pilgrimage to the National Eucharistic Congress Indianapolis - July 17-24, 2024

with the Most Rev. Frank J Dewane Bishop of the Diocese of Venice

This represents the culmination of the Church's three-year effort to emphasize the **Real Presence of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in the Holy Eucharistic**.

It is a pivotal moment in the Church, and a unique opportunity to draw into a deeper, more intimate relationship with Our Lord.

The Pilgrimage Package is \$1,049 includes National Eucharistic Congress 5 day pass with access to all speakers and events, and four nights' accommodations in a

4-star hotel within walking distance of the convention center.

The Package does not include transportation or meals.

Space is limited! Register today using the QR code.





#### Information for Families with Students in Catholic School

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that parents receive the responsibility of evangelizing their children and calls them the first heralds of the faith. The family is

also called domestic church – the church of the home. It is so important for parents to be strong role models as active Catholics, becoming the primary catechists in the faith development of their children.

In keeping with this important role of parents, there will be two requirements to qualify for the Practicing Catholic Tuition Discount when submitting the Parish Affiliation Form.

The first requirement is 50% attendance at Sunday Mass for the year. To confirm your attendance, please place your offertory envelope in the basket during the offertory collection (an offertory contribution of at least a quarter should be included in the envelope).

The second requirement is participation in at least one parish ministry.

Please see the list (right) of qualifying **7** ministries for parents, children, and families.

Ministries for Children Altar Server Assigned to serve at a Saturday Vigil Mass or Sunday Mass (training program provided) Frequency at least once a month.

#### **Ministries for Families**

Greeters & Offertory Gift Bearers Before Mass, greet and welcome parishioners/visitors at the main entrance of the church, and during Mass bring offertory gifts to the altar. Frequency once a month.

Family Ministry

Parents and children serve coffee and donuts to parishioners on Sunday morning for a ninety-minute shift between 7am & 1pm. Frequency once a month.

To enroll in a ministry, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator Stuart Love at volunteer@stmartha.org or 941.780.7834

Wedding Banns

(3) Joel Rivera & Danielle Morris 04/06/2024
(3) Sergio Perera & Emily Walser 04/20/2024
(3) Mason Simon & Noelle Di Grazia 04/27/2024





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