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10:30am • 12pm • 5:30pm

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## ST. MARTHA

From Our Pastor, Father George
May 12, 2024 - Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

#### From Deacon Pat:

This Ascencion Sunday is also Mothers' Day! So, on behalf of Fr. George and his staff, I extend a grateful thanks to all mothers. You not only brought us into the world but also nurtured us both physically and spiritually! Your maternal vocation is absolutely heroic! We all owe so much to you!!!

When Jesus was resurrected, the apostles were cowering and confused. So that the Church might live, Jesus "...presented himself alive to them by many proofs after he had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God." After which he ascended to Heaven leaving His grace "given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift ....some as apostles, others as prophets, others as evangelists, others as pastors and teachers, to equip the holy ones for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ."

This is important because the "holy ones" are not only the Bishops (as successors of the Apostles), the clergy, the consecrated religious, but also, and more importantly, all of us who are Baptized. In Baptism we are incorporated into the "Holy People of God". That means that each of us has a ministerial responsibility in bringing Christ to others. As such each of us is called to put on "a new self, created in God's way in righteousness and holiness of truth."

Before He was taken up, Jesus ordered his disciples: "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned."

"So, then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God. But they went forth and preached everywhere..."

After His Ascension, over two millennia, we find ourselves accepting our role to bring Christ into our spheres of influence — our families as well as our colleagues at work and play!

Prayer Intention for May 2024
For The Formation of Men and Women Religious and Seminarians
Let us pray that men and women religious and seminarians, grow in their own vocational journey through human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, that leads them to be credible witnesses of the Gospel.



Congratulations - to our G 10 students who were confirmed on May 1! We thank our Bishop Frank J. Dewane for confirming the group of our young parishioners! Thanks to our

Religious Education office led by Patty Sileo, to Teachers and Catechists who prepared them for it.

**Congratulations** - to G 2 and few older children from Religious Education at St. Martha and from Bishop Nevin Academy on the occasion of their FIRST **Holy Communion**.

Summer Schedule of Confessions - Beginning in two weeks some confession days will be suspended until further notice. We will have confessions at 11am on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and 3pm-4pm on Saturdays.

May Devotion - We will pray the Litany to Our Lady after weekday Masses during the month of May for peace in Ukraine, Holy Land, and for our own intentions.

**Rev. Deacon Bill Ladroga has retired!** - Dn. Bill, the whole parish is very grateful to you for your 27 years of diaconal ministry in St. Martha! We offer our prayers for you at this time and our congratulations for the beautiful fruits of your witness to Christ.

Fr. Chris Frost will be leaving St. Martha's parish! - after having worked in St. Martha since December 2019. We thank you for your priestly ministry among us in St. Martha. Thanks for all the parish work, work in our Primary Schools, for celebrating County Jail Sunday Masses and taking turns in caring for the sick in Sarasota Memorial Hospital. We are planning the Thank you party for Fr. Chris on Saturday, May 18, 2024, beginning at 5pm in our parish hall.

Please check the warning - in this bulletin against voting for Amendment 4 in the November ballot 2024 in the State Law about abortion. The Bishop's Conference of Florida ask us to inform ourselves about the current pro-life efforts and works. Pray also for the protection of unborn babies!

International Night of Organs in St. Marth's church. (Saturday, May 18, 2024 at 12pm and at 8pm). Filharmonia Hungary is organizing in the world international program in Hungary - and in more than 25 countries all over the world. In this program Mr. Palur Janos, a world class Hungarian organist will give the concert in St. Martha's

Next Sunday (May 19, 2024) is the Solemnity of Pentecost.

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





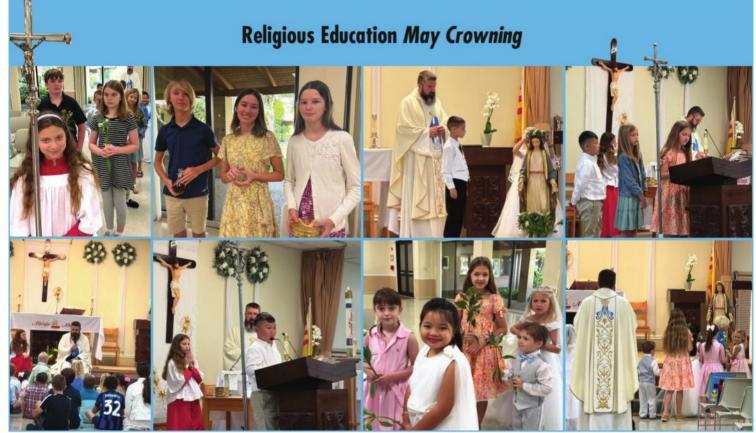
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St Martha's
Sophomore Candidates
on receiving
the Sacrament of
Confirmation by
Bishop Frank Dewane

## 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



May 18 at 5pm • Parish Hall





## **Weekly Mass Intentions**

Sun May 12	Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mk 16:15-20
	Zofia Palkova by Daughter
	(Hall/Spanish) Special Intentions
	Aldo Giovanucci by Ann Mangillo
10:30am [GS]	
	St. Martha's Volunteers by the Clergy
	(Hall/Vietnamese) Special Intentions
	Gerald Boryszewski, Jr. by the Boryszewski Family
•	Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33
	Tim Donahue by Steve and Mimi Arch
8:30am [JR]	
	Michael Blair Frain by Jackie Fie
5·30nm [GS]	Holy Souls in Purgatory by John J. DeStefano
	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17
	(L) Marge Lortie by David and Paula Shigley
	(L) Gladys Gonzales by Daughter
	(L) Louise and Joanie by Friend
	Thomas Bauer by Maureen & Bob Ryan
	Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11b-19
	(L) Marge Lortie by Marge and Paul Lortie
	Claire El Masri by Joe and Nora Stephan
	Barbara Maggio by James Maggio
5:30pm[JB]	(L) Erick Dunn by Rita Dunn
Thu, May 16	Acts 22 :30; 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26
7:30am[JV]	Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Ezzi by John Iacopelli
	Jean Arena by Friend
12:00pm [CF]	Charles DeBenedettis by Stephanie and Milton Kruk
	(L) Peter Romano by the Family
Fri, May 17	Acts 25:13b-21; Jn 21:15-19
	Jim Meade by Claire Meade
	L & D Mbrs of the Thomas Fam. by Joe& Betty Plouffe
12:00pm [FS]	Salvatore lacopelli by John lacopelli
5:30pm[CF]	(L) Rev. Fausto Stampiglia, S.A.C. by Jack Buckingham
	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25
7:30am[CF]	Carol Comery by Claire Collins
	Augusta Uhrinova & Rev. Andrew Cvincek by Magda Kovacik
4:00pm [FS]	In Thanksgiving to the Blessed Virgin Mary by Carolyn
5:30pm [GS]	Carmela Picardi by the Picardi & Rutigliano Family
Sun. May 19	Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23
	Ryan Halstead by Mother
	(Hall/Spanish) Dania Acosta by Victor Acosta
	Anna Sidotti by Ann Crowley
10:30am [CF]	
	Patrick Downey by Jack Slusser
	(Hall/Vietnamese) Special Intentions
	L & D Mbrs of the Burch Fam. by Joe & Betty Plouffe
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Extreme Abortion Amendment Decision



A cruel and dangerous abortion amendment will be added to the ballot in November. Please acquaint yourself with the facts by visiting TooExtreme4FL.com, and vote NO on Amendment 4!

This amendment to the Florida constitution would allow abortion up until birth, including when the baby is capable of feeling pain, and would eliminate laws requiring parental consent and safety protocols for women. If you are concerned about this recent Florida Supreme Court decision to allow the extreme abortion amendment to appear on the ballot and are interested in doing something about it, contact Jeanne Berdeaux at

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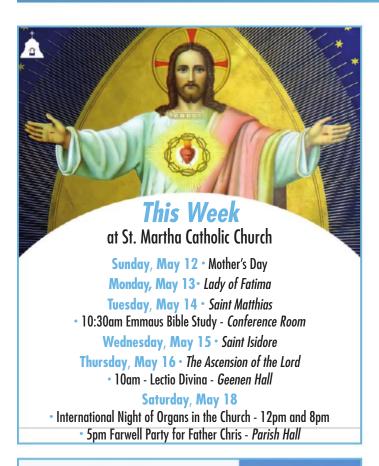


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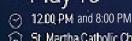
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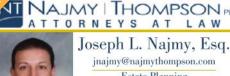
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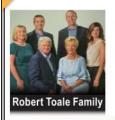
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