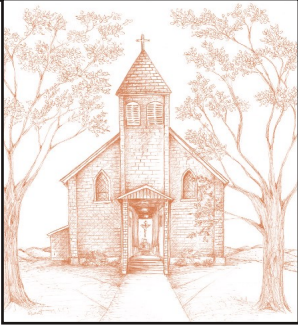


## St. Martin



*New Derry, Pa. 15671*



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## St. Joseph



*Derry, Pa. 15627*

September 18, 2022

Welcome to All

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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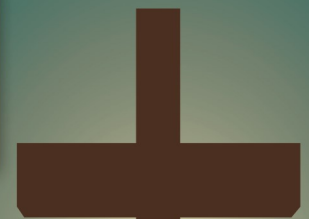
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September  
**18**  
2022

God wills everyone  
to be saved and to  
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of the truth.

1 Timothy 2:4

**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**



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# Mass Intentions

## Saturday, Sept. 17 - 24th Sunday in Ordinary

### Time

5:00 PM, St. Joseph, + John Stercho by daughters & grandchildren

### Sunday, Sept. 18

9:00 AM, St. Martin, William & Mary Gonos by Ron & Penny Westrick

10:30 AM, St. Joseph, - Mass for Parishioners

### Monday, Sept. 19

6:00 PM, St. Martin, + John Banocy by wife, Dianne

### Tuesday, Sept. 20 - Blue Mass

6:00 PM, St. Martin, + Veronia & Michael Hill Sr. by Carol Hill

### Thursday, Sept. 22

8:00 AM, St. Joseph, + William N. Moore by Mary & family

### Friday, Sept. 23

8:00 AM, St. Martin, + Betty Nolan by Frank & Suzanne Skacel

## Saturday, Sept. 24 - 25th Sunday in Ordinary

### Time

5:00 PM, St. Joseph, + Reno & Mary Gennaro by Phyllis

### Sunday, Sept. 25

9:00 AM, St. Martin, - Mass for Parishioners

10:30 AM, St. Joseph, + Shirley Laskie by Karen & Bob Laksie

### St. Martin Sanctuary Candle

In acknowledging the Real Presence of Christ, the Sanctuary Candle will burn from Sept. 18 through Sept. 24 in loving memory of

**Andrew Werner**

Requested by *Lukon family*



### St. Joseph Sanctuary Candle

In acknowledging the Real Presence of Christ, the Sanctuary Candle will burn from Sept. 18 through Sept. 24 in loving memory of

**Lisa Tommasini**

Requested by *Vicki Washinko*

### *Ministry Schedule*

**Sept. 24 & 25**

#### **Saturday, Sept. 24, St. Joseph 5:00 pm**

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Drew

Lector: Tom Sylvester

Altar Servers: Emily Laughlin, Nikala Levrio

#### **Sunday, Sept. 25, St. Martin, 9:00 am**

Eucharistic Minister: Suzanne Skacel

Lector: Celeste Stoltz-Jonea

#### **Sunday, Sept. 25, St. Joseph, 10:30 am**

Eucharistic Minister: Joe Giotto

Lector: Joanne Gaul

Altar Servers: Matt Dalton, Drake Kmecak

## Readings for the Week

Monday: Prv 3:27-34; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13;  
Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13

Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc;  
Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4;  
Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Eccl 11:9 — 12:8; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17;  
Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7; Ps 146:7-10; 1 Tm 6:11-16;  
Lk 16:19-31

The fruit of SILENCE is prayer  
The fruit of PRAYER is faith  
The fruit of FAITH is love  
The fruit of LOVE is service  
The fruit of SERVICE is PEACE  
~ Saint Teresa of Calcutta

This is Catechetical Sunday and I would like to address my comments this weekend concerning our Religious Education Program, which begins next month. Our Religious Education program are available for all parishioners.

You cannot be strong in your faith if you do not know your faith. Here we are committed to teach that faith. Religious Education classes are designed to help all parents raise their children in the Catholic faith.

I welcome Mrs. Kristin Kozar, who is our new Director of Faith Formation for our Partner Parishes.

Let us not forget that when parents make a decision to have their children baptized in the Catholic Church, there is a part in the ceremony that is quite clear. The priest or deacon says, "you are accepting the responsibility of training them in the practice of the faith." That responsibility includes regular attendance at Mass and enrolling them in in the CCD programs. It is also where First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation instruction takes place. To be eligible to receive any of these sacraments, regular attendance at CCD is an expectation according to diocesan guidelines. More importantly however is the regular and faithful attendance and participation in the Sunday Eucharistic which surpasses even the expectations of any faith formation program. It is expected that parents and children will celebrate weekly Mass together. Attendance at Mass is an integral and essential part of the formation of each child's faith.

### **Mass Attendance of Faith Formation Students**

Attending Mass is a Commandment and a Precept of the Church and missing Mass without a valid reason, such as illness, is a grave sin. The reason missing Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation has been considered a mortal sin is because it breaks our relationship with God by ignoring His laws and commandments.

As you know, Mass attendance is a required part of our Faith Formation program. A surprising number of children were not attending Mass regularly and that affected their ability to comprehend the concepts of the faith. Similarly, going to Mass without the proper understanding of the Mass will result in children not having a positive experience of the Holy Mass and perceiving it as being boring. In short, you need to **DO BOTH**.

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**Blue Mass** - All parishioners are invited to attend the Annual Blue Mass Celebration at to be held this year at St. Martin Church on Tuesday, September 20th, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

The celebration will include with a special blessing for all police, fire, and safety personal in attendance. (All police, fire, and safety personal are encouraged to appear in uniform. After the service, there will be a reception with refreshments and fellowship.

The Annual Blue Mass Celebration is a wonderful community opportunity to prayerfully honor all those who assist in making our neighborhoods safe and remember those who have given the ultimate sacrifice to save others.

May God Bless Us All,  
Fr. Sam

Pastor's Pun: Where do you look for kittens in the library?  
In the card cat-a log

**Offertory Collection for September 11, 2022**  
**NEW FISCAL YEAR**

**St. Joseph Offertory**

Weekly Budget Need	\$ 3,700.00
Actual Weekly Offering	4,750.00
Other Income	960.00
Difference this week	2,010.00
Fiscal Year to Date Budget Need	40,700.00
Fiscal Year to Date Actual	51,084.00
Year to date difference	\$ 10,384.00

**St. Martin Offertory**

Weekly Budget Need	\$ 2,500.00
Actual Weekly Offering	2,099.00
Other Income	872.00
Difference This Week	471.00
Fiscal Year to Date Budget Need	27,500.00
Fiscal Year to Date Actual	24,905.00
Year to Date Difference	\$ (2,595.00)

**CURRENT NEED IS BASED ON LAST FISCAL YEAR**

**Need will be reviewed periodically.**

**Thank you for your stewardship!**

Budget needs are based on projected expenses.

**Counters—Sunday Sept. 25, 2022**

St. Joseph - Team 1

Louise Brindle  
 Janine Elliott  
 Steve Maus

St. Martin - Team 1

Judy Revitsky  
 Linda Angus  
 Mary Jane Voyten



**Our Partner Parishes would like to wish a HAPPY BIRTHDAY to all who are celebrating birthdays this week:**

ST. MARTIN: Darryl Chemski, Shirley Dietrick and Suzanne Skacel

ST. JOSEPH: David Brindle, Becky Ellenberger, Patricia Geary, Steven Klim, Xavier Merlin, Derrick Mullen and Nancy O’Hara

If your birthday is missed, please call the office!

Please pray for the wholeness and healing of:

Dave Bridge, Vince Calabrese, Frannie Campbell, Joe Caugherty, Evie Ciocco, Mary Covin, Marnie Darazio, Lisa Davis, Bronco Figuerora, Cindi Frank, Steve Gaul, Peggy Jasper, Larry Lowden, Deora Matvey, Charlotte (Charlie) Nicol, Regan, Odin & Lennon Mealy, Selma Patterson, Thomas Ridenour, Joan Van Dyke, Vernon Wechtenhiser, Lindsey Williams, Dan Zappa

*We pray for all our homebound and hospitalized parishioners and all who need phys-*



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## PARTNER PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Confirmation to be held on October 6**

Confirmation for St. Joseph & St. Martin Parishes will be held on **Thursday, October 6, 2022** at SS Simon & Jude Church, Blairsville, Pa. This is also an invitation for any adults who have made the First Reconciliation and First Communion but missed the Sacrament of Confirmation to receive this most beautiful Sacrament of the Catholic Church. Please call Betty at 724-989-5725 for more information.

**OCIA/RCIA TO BEGIN SOON**

OCIA/RCIA. Order of Christian Initiation. **Thinking about becoming a Catholic?** Please contact Betty Wechtenhiser, 724-989-5725, or Fr. Sam for more information. Sessions will begin soon.

**Blue Mass 2022**

On **Tuesday, September 20** St. Martin will be sponsoring a Blue Mass at 6 pm in St. Martin Church. The Mass is an opportunity for the community to show gratitude to those who serve and protect us. **There will be no 8 am Mass at St. Joseph.**



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**Catechetical Sunday, Sept. 18**

This Sunday, September 18 is Catechetical Sunday, a day to acknowledge the importance of our catechists and the teaching ministry of the Church. Please pray for our catechists as they begin a new school year: Kindergarten - Janine Elliott, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade - Sierra Wechtenhiser, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade - Sheryl Stercho, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade - Shelly Mucci, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade - Kay Kocisko, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade - Deborah Blotzer, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade - Betty Wechtenhiser and Christy Wechtenhiser.

**Our Lady's Rosary Makers**

Our Lady's Rosary Makers will meet on **Tuesday, Sept. 27 at 2 pm** in St. Joseph social hall. New members are welcome to join.

**St. Martin RAS Meeting**

St. Martin Rosary Altar Society's monthly meeting will be held on **Tuesday, Sept 27** beginning at 6 pm.

**Knights of Columbus Winners**

Winners of Knights of Columbus Sheetz gift cards were: Vince Esposito and Rich Payne.

**Evening of Recollection**

The Rosary Altar Society of St. Martin Parish joyfully announce their Annual Evening of Recollection on **Monday October 3, 2022**. All parishioners and friends are invited to attend. The guest speaker and Main Celebrant will be Msgr. Roger Statnick and our Pastor Fr. Sam Lamendola will concelebrate with him. The evening will **begin at 4:30 pm** with confessions while praying the Rosary, followed by Holy Mass at 5 pm, after which we will go directly to the social hall for a sit-down dinner. After dinner we will return to church where Msgr. Statnick will provide a meditative reflection and conclude with Benediction.

To make a reservation, please complete the form found at the back of both Churches and place it with \$21 (the cost of the dinner) in an envelope marked "EVENING OF RECOLLECTION" and **deposit it in the collection basket no later than weekend of, September 24/25**. If you have any questions, please contact Mary J. Voyten (724-694-8532) or Suzanne Skacel (724-244-0764).

## AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

**St. James to show "The Chosen"**

Saint James Church, New Alexandria is happy to announce the showing of Season 2 of "The Chosen" in the Social Hall. Dates are **Tuesday, September 27, Tuesday, October 4th, Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>** from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Two episodes will be shown each evening with discussion to follow after the second episode. For more information, please contact the Parish Office at 724-668-2829.

**St. Bruno Fall Festival**

The Saint Bruno Fall Craft and Apple Jamboree will be held on **Sunday, October 2** beginning at **Noon until 5:00 p.m.** on the grounds of Saint Bruno Church, South Greensburg. Food, apple cider, homemade apple dumplings, beer garden, crafters, games of chance, activities for the children, gift card booth, basket booth and entertainment by Gary Pratt and Kate and Tim Bush. For more information please call the Parish Office, 724-836-0690.

## A Big Fish Story

PASTORAL/CULTURAL FORMATION FOR ALL

The people of Nineveh lived selfishly. So God told Jonah to go and warn them to straighten out their lives, or else they would face dire consequences! But Jonah thought the people weren't worth saving, so he got on a ship that sailed away.

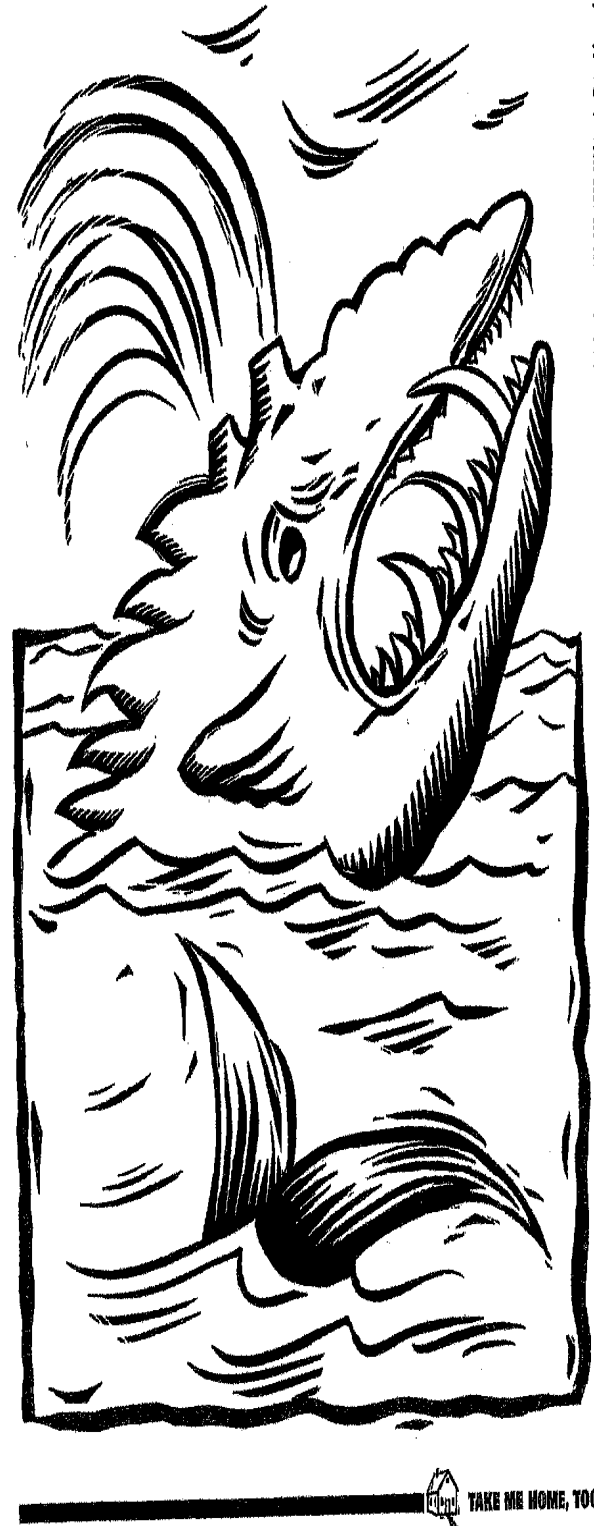
A sudden storm threatened to capsize the ship and drown everyone on board. Jonah knew he was the reason for the storm. So he begged the sailors to throw him into the sea. No sooner did he hit the water than a huge fish swallowed him alive.

That's how the short book of the prophet Jonah begins. Read how it ends. The book is filled with puns and poetry. Jonah's name is itself a pun. It means "dove," which is our clue to compare Jonah's story to the story of Noah's dove (found in the eighth chapter of the book of Genesis). Both Jonah and the dove set out on journeys over water, and even though their first missions fail, their second missions bring the promise of a new way of life.

Some people ask if the story of Jonah is true. It's probably wiser to wonder instead how the story is filled with truth.

We remember Jonah at the autumnal equinox, when day and night reach a balance, each twelve hours long. The sun rises due east and sets due west.

A grand old way to celebrate a day of equilibrium (and to usher in the autumn season) is to fast, like the people and even the animals of Nineveh. Then make a donation to a food bank so that your fasting can become someone else's feasting.



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**PRIORITIES**

Make a choice. God or money, material things, earthly pleasure. This is what Jesus asks us to do in today's Gospel. The Pharisees and scribes, and many people, want it both ways. God and wealth. But Jesus knows that "no servant can serve two masters." It is not that wealth is inherently bad, but the pursuit of it to the exclusion of what is good and righteous is. Our faith is meant to guide and shape the way we live. If we are followers of Jesus Christ, we will treat others, especially the poor and vulnerable, fairly and justly. We will live with devotion to God and let our lives speak the truth of God's love for all. We will put first things first, or more precisely, put God and God's ways first, assured that when we do, everything else will fall into place.

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**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — The Lord never forgets the sins of those who take advantage of the poor (Amos 8:4-7).

**Psalm** — Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor (Psalm 113).

**Second Reading** — Pray to the Lord, who wants everyone to be saved (1 Timothy 2:1-8).

**Gospel** — Be trustworthy in all things. Serve God, the only master, not mammon (Luke 16:1-13 [10-13]).

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**RIPPLES**

There is a ripple effect in all we do.  
What you do touches me;  
what I do touches you.

God . . . wills everyone to be saved  
and to come to knowledge of the truth.  
*1 Timothy 2:4*

**FAULT**

The greatest of all faults is to be conscious of none.  
—Thomas Carlyle

**PRAYER OF THE WEEK****Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbor, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

**MISSION STATEMENT OF ST. MARTIN CHURCH**

We, the parish of St. Martin in New Derry, Pennsylvania are a historic, rural community of hardworking descendants of miners, steel and factory workers and farmers. Various ethnic orientations, proud traditions and a strong sense of family unity enrich our parish life. We are a Catholic community committed to keeping our faith alive and growing. We nurture our faith by celebrating the Eucharist, living the Scriptures, being true to church teachings and receiving the sacraments. We hope to reflect the life, love and message of Jesus Christ by strengthening the faith of our families and by reaching out to our neighbors to build up the Kingdom of God.

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
Catechetical Sunday  
Monday: St. Januarius  
Tuesday: Ss. Andrew Kim Tae-gõn and Paul Chõng  
Ha-sang and Companions  
Wednesday: St. Matthew  
Thursday: Autumn begins  
Friday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)  
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

**MISSION STATEMENT OF ST. JOSEPH CHURCH**

We the people of St. Joseph's, Derry, became strong with the advent of the railroad. While small we are kept on track by being able to pull together our diversity and work toward the common purpose of following Jesus Christ. In utilizing the gifts and talents of our parishioners, we will strive to meet the needs of St. Joseph Parish. As a Catholic community of faith united together to spread the Gospel message of peace and love, we respond to the needs of all, as in traditions of our ancestors. We pledge to become more alive as a parish, to be a guide and an example to our youth and our community by following the same message Christ handed down to be empowered by the grace of the sacraments in order to love one another, and pray together as Christians.

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