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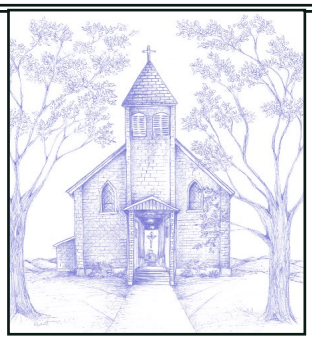

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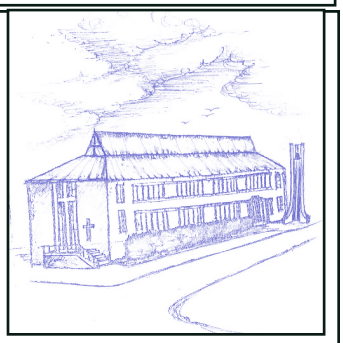

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January 29, 2023 **Welcome to All** **4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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Sacrament of Marriage:
Contact the Pastor a minimum of six months prior to date of wedding

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Jan. 28 - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 PM, St. Joseph + Al Novello by Karen & family

Sunday, Jan. 29
9:00 AM, St. Martin - Mass for our Parishioners

10:30 AM, St. Joseph + Janet & Peter Calabrese by children

Monday, Jan. 30
6:00 PM, St. Martin, + Rose Tillman by Jim Salandro

Tuesday, Jan. 31
8:00 AM, St. Joseph, + Martha McGinnis by Theresa Bundy

Thursday, Feb. 2
8:00 AM, St. Joseph, + Shirley Laskie by Joanna & Joe Lentz

Friday, Feb. 3
8:00 AM, St. Martin, + Armand Razza by Dee Hitchman

Saturday, Feb. 4 - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 PM, St. Joseph + Jo Ritenour, anniversary by

Sunday, Feb. 5
9:00 AM, St. Martin + Living & Deceased Members of St. Martin Rosary Altar Society

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday Zep 2:3; 3:12-13; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a

Monday Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-27, 28 & 30, 31-32; Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 or Lk 2:22-32

Friday Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc; Mk 6:14-29

Saturday Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mk 6:30-34

St. Martin Sanctuary Candle

In acknowledging the Real Presence of Christ, the Sanctuary Candle will burn from Jan. 29 through Feb. 4 in loving memory of
Ken Hitchman
Requested by his wife, Dee

St. Joseph Sanctuary Candle

In acknowledging the Real Presence of Christ, the Sanctuary Candle will burn from Jan. 29 through Feb. 4 in loving memory of
Judy Murphy Miller
Requested by her sister, Joanne Gaul

Ministry Schedule

Feb.. 4th & 5th

Saturday, Feb. 4, St. Joseph 5:00 pm
Eucharistic Minister: Laura Hamrock
Lector: Sharon Ritenour
Altar Servers: Matt Dalton, Nikala Levrio

Sunday, Feb. 5, St. Martin 9:00 am
Eucharistic Minister: Penny Westrick
Lector: Marie McCandless

Sunday, Feb. 5, St. Joseph 10:30 am
Eucharistic Minister: Knights of Columbus
Lector: Knights of Columbus
Altar Servers: Emily Laughlin, Ava Beeman

Newly Baptized in Christ at Saint Joseph was ***Isabella Judith Asbee*** daughter of Joshua & Christine Asbee.

Perhaps by now you've heard the story of Father Isaac Achi. Perhaps you haven't. It doesn't seem to have been widely reported in the secular media. Father Achi was the pastor of Saints Peter & Paul Parish in the Kafin Koro area of central Nigeria. He was killed by terrorists on January 15, 2023. The bandits broke into the rectory and rounded up Fr. Achi and his parochial vicar, Father Collins Omeh. The priests had sufficient time to pray together and hear each other's confession – and when it seemed opportune, Father Achi urged Father Omeh to attempt to escape. That's when the gunfire started. Father Omeh was shot in the shoulder, but he did manage to escape; at the time of this writing, he is still hospitalized in critical condition. Father Achi was not as lucky. He was shot in the chest; the wound would prove fatal. Adding insult to injury, the terrorists then set the rectory on fire.

This was not Father Achi's first run-in with terrorists. It is reported that in 2013, he was kidnapped by a militant group while he was serving at another parish, but he was quickly released. In 2011, his parish in suburban Abuja – the Nigerian capital – was attacked on Christmas Day. 25 parishioners were killed as terrorists drove a car packed with explosives onto parish property.

It's not pleasant reading, I know. And I wish this was some sort of isolated incident; that it were the exception and not the norm. But these types of attacks are becoming more and more frequent in Nigeria – and indeed, in many other places around the globe. But what do we do? Father Achi himself gave the answer while preaching at a memorial service following the 2011 attack. "Christians [must] remain prayerful…the power of prayer and love can overcome all situations."

This past Wednesday, the Church celebrated the feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul – who went from being someone who was "breathing murderous threats against the disciples of the Lord" (Acts 9:1) to being "appointed preacher and apostle…teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth" (1 Tim 2:7). If prayer and love could change Paul's heart in such a way, then what could prayer and love do for Nigeria? What could they do in Derry? In New Derry? In Latrobe or Blairsville?

Why don't we find out?

Tax Statements – It's getting to be that time of year again. End of the year tax statements are in the process of being prepared by the Parish Office and will be sent out to parishioners.

Parish Bulletins

Starting the First Week of February, please note that the parish bulletin for parishioners of St. Martin's will no longer be placed in the bulletin racks beforehand but will be available after Mass for all parishioners.

Catholic Schools Week – This week is Catholic Schools Week, when we celebrate the accomplishments that Catholic schools have made and continue to make in our community.

A blessed week to all.

Offertory Collection for January 22, 2023

St. Joseph Offertory		
Weekly Budget Need	**$**	3,700.00
Actual Weekly Offering 01/22		2,650.00
Other Income		320.00
Difference this week		(730.00)
Fiscal Year to Date Budget Need		111,000.00
Fiscal Year to Date Actual		133,96700
Year to date difference	$	22,967.00
St. Martin Offertory		
Weekly Budget Need	**$**	2,500.00
Actual Weekly Offering 01/22		2002.00
Other Income		595.00
Difference This Week		97.00
Fiscal Year to Date Budget Need		75,000.00
Fiscal Year to Date Actual		100,396.00
Year to Date Difference	$	25,396.00

Thank you for your stewardship!

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Counters–Sunday February 5, 2023

St. Joseph - Team 3	St. Martin - Team 3
Pat Geary	Joe Sledge
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Our Partner Parishes would like to wish a HAPPY BIRTHDAY to all who are celebrating birthdays this week:

ST. MARTIN**:** Dante DeCario, Charles Riley, Sylvia Smith and Monica Williams

ST. JOSEPH: Jeff Kelly and Sierra Wechtenhiser

Please pray for the wholeness and healing of:

Dave Bridge, Vince Calabrese, Frannie Campbell, Joe Caugherty, Mary Covin, Marnie Darazio, Alanna DeRito-Gaudiello, Lisa Davis, Bronco Figuerora, Cindi Frank, Steve Gaul, Peggy Jasper, John Joyce, Larry Lowden, Karen Matteo, Deora Matvey, Odin, Reagan,& Lennon Mealy, Charlotte (Charlie) Nicol, Selma Patterson, Thomas Ridenour, Greg Sanchez, Anita Gray Tortorella, Joan Van Dyke, Michael Voyten, Vernon Wechtenhiser, Lindsey Williams, Dan Zappa

We pray for all our homebound and hospitalized parishioners and all who need physical, spiritual and mental healing

PARTNER PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Offertory Gifts

If you have requested a Mass and would like to bring the gifts up for the offertory, please inform Jean McDowell at St. or Tish Rossi at St. Joseph before Mass begins. Thank You.

CPR AND AED Training Offered

CPR and AED Training and Re-Certification for Parishioners of St. Martin and St. Joseph
The Bradenville VFD will be offering a CPR and Re-Certifcation Training Session to be held on **Monday, February 20th beginning at 6:30 pm** in the new Bradenville Fire Hall. Training is available for first time volunteers or to previously certified individuals whose certification may have expired. Certification is good for two years. If you plan to attend, please contact the Parish Office beforehand. Costs for training and Re-Certification will be covered by the parish. If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office.

Sanctuary Candles Available

There are Sanctuary Candles available at both Churches. Call the office (724-694-5359) if you would like to request one. The cost is $10 and the candles burn for one week.

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Class on Southern Italian Folk Customs

All Saints Parish in Boswell (Somerset County) will offer a one session class on southern Italian folk customs on **Monday, February 6 at 7 pm** in their parish hall. The presentation will cover topics such as crafts, food and agricultural practices and will showcase many objects from the history center that speak to the customs and traditions of southern Italians in Western Pennsylvania. The presenter will be Melissa Marinaro, curator of the Italian American Program at the Heinz History Center in Pittsburgh. The class is free but those interested are asked to please register by calling the parish office at 814-629-5551. All are welcome.

Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill Speakers Available

The Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill offer speaker programs to parishes and organizations. Topics include prayer, human trafficking, the pandemic and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. For topics or to schedule a speaker, contact Sister of Charity Colette Hanlon at 203-809-1574 or chanlon@scsh.org.

Cash Bash - February 4, 2023

The Partner Parishes of St. John the Baptist, Scottdale and St. Joseph, Everson are hosting a Cash Bash on **February 4, 2023 from 6pm-10pm** (doors open at 5pm) in St. John Social Hall. The cost of the ticket is $25.00 and has three numbers per ticket and only 333 tickets sold. Beer and food will be provided. Tip boards for designer purses and much more will be available. If you would like to purchase a ticket, please contact the Parish Office at 724-887-6321.

Sacred Heart Parish, Jeannette, Selling 2023 Cash Calendars

Sacred Heart Parish, Jeannette, is selling 2023 cash calendars, with less than 100 still available. Cost is $25 for a three-digit number that lasts the entire year. If you wish to sell or purchase calendars, contact Jim Brecht at 412-335-5653. The calendars make great Christmas gifts that give all year long, and they help support the parish.

Hold Your Post-Sacramental Gathering at Christ Our Shepherd Center

Hold your post-sacramental gathering at the beautifully renovated Christ Our Shepherd Center, conveniently located on Route 30, east of Greensburg. You can select a caterer and specific menu for events, including receptions or meals after baptisms, first Communions, confirmations, weddings, ordinations and funerals. For information or to reserve a date and room, visit www.christourshepherdcenter.org or call 724-834-7350.

Adoration Night

St. James Parish, New Alexandria, will host a family adoration night **Friday, Feb. 3, at 6:30 p.m.**, with Eucharistic adoration, music, a Gospel reading, a short homily and time for personal prayer. For information, call 724-668-2829.

Day of Service

Christ the Divine Teacher School's Student Government Service Committee is sponsoring a "Day of Service" for our school families on **Saturday, April 15, 2023**. We would like to offer several Spring service opportunities (ie. cleaning up yards, fixing flower beds, painting or staining furniture, cleaning out garages, etc.) How can you help? LET US HELP YOU! If you have a task that you need help with, please contact us by Monday, February 6, 2023. You may email bslough@cdtschool.org or call the Main Office at 724-539-1561.

Current Job Openings
Diocese of Greensburg seeks qualified Applicants for the position of Associate Director of Risk Management

The Diocese of Greensburg seeks qualified applicants for the position of Associate Director of Risk Management. This is a newly created position that will serve as the on-site representative to ensure effective property inspections and assessments are completed for all Diocesan, parish and school properties. The person will serve as a liaison for insurance claims and insurance claim restoration management. Qualified applicants must have a bachelor's degree or professional credentials with specialized training in plant and equipment management or equivalent, progressive experience in property and casualty insurance with a sound background in the areas of safety and risk management, the ability to fully comprehend risk and insurance issues and present them in a manner easy to understand, and the ability to manage construction projects, including working with design consultants and contractors. Applicants must also have proficient reading, writing, grammar, analytical, mathematical and communication skills as well as be proficient in the use of computers/software. Applicants must have a valid driver's license and ability to operate an automobile.

Interested individuals should submit a cover letter and resume to hr@dioceseofgreensburg.org or Office of Human Resources, Diocese of Greensburg, 723 E. Pittsburgh St., Greensburg, PA 15601. An EOE M/F/H

Oblates of St. Benedict to meet Feb. 19

The Oblates of St. Benedict, Latrobe Deanery, will meet **Sunday, Feb. 19, from 3-4:15 p.m**. in Brownfield 202 at Saint Vincent Seminary. Benedictine Father Justin Nolan will speak on "On the Road to God." For reservations, call Benedictine Father Donald Raila, 724-805-2291. Attendees may also attend **vespers at 5 p.m. and supper at 5:35 p.m**.; an additional session is available at 6:45 p.m. (discussion based on the "Study Guide for the Rule of St. Benedict"). Call Father Donald a few days in advance to register for supper and evening events. Afternoon presentations may also be offered virtually.

Top Student Program extended to Higher Education at Franciscan University

Because of the continued generosity of an anonymous donor, Catholic high school students in the Diocese of Greensburg, or those attending Catholic high schools in Western Pennsylvania, could receive priority for tuition assistance, regardless of income, if they choose to attend Franciscan University of Steubenville. This new initiative is funded by the same anonymous donor who funded the TOP Student program in the Diocese of Greensburg. To date, the TOP Student program has provided tuition assistance to 800 families in Catholic schools across the four counties of the Diocese and has helped to increase enrollment in Diocesan Catholic schools by 20% in just two years; that is one of the largest Catholic school enrollment increases in North America. For information, visit franciscan.edu/JPII-scholarship, call 800-783-6220 or email admissions@franciscan.edu.

Derry Church Announces a Luncheon

Terri Saures, administrative assistant for Derry First United Methodist Church has announced a Ladies Luncheon held at **noon on Tuesday, February 7th**. All women from Derry and the surrounding area are invited. Please join us for good food and conversation. The Luncheon is free, (a free will offering us optional). We hope to see you there!

Bingo Sundays at St. Cecilia Parish, Whitney

St. Cecilia Parish, Whitney, holds bingo generally the first Sunday of each month. The next bingo is **February 5**. Doors open at 12:30 p.m., with bingo at 2. Refreshments will be available. Upcoming dates are **March 5, April 2** and **May 7**. For information, call 724-423-3777.

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.

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.