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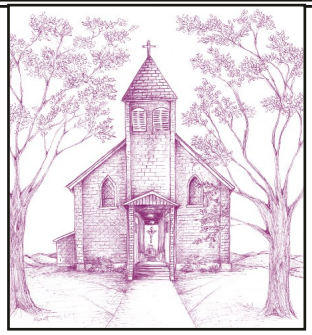

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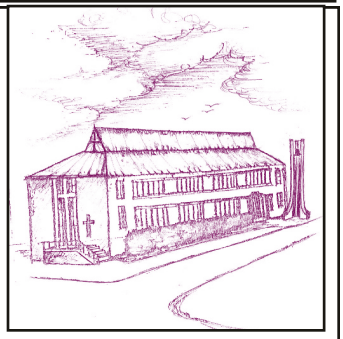

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March 5, 2023 **Welcome to All** **2nd Sunday of Lent**

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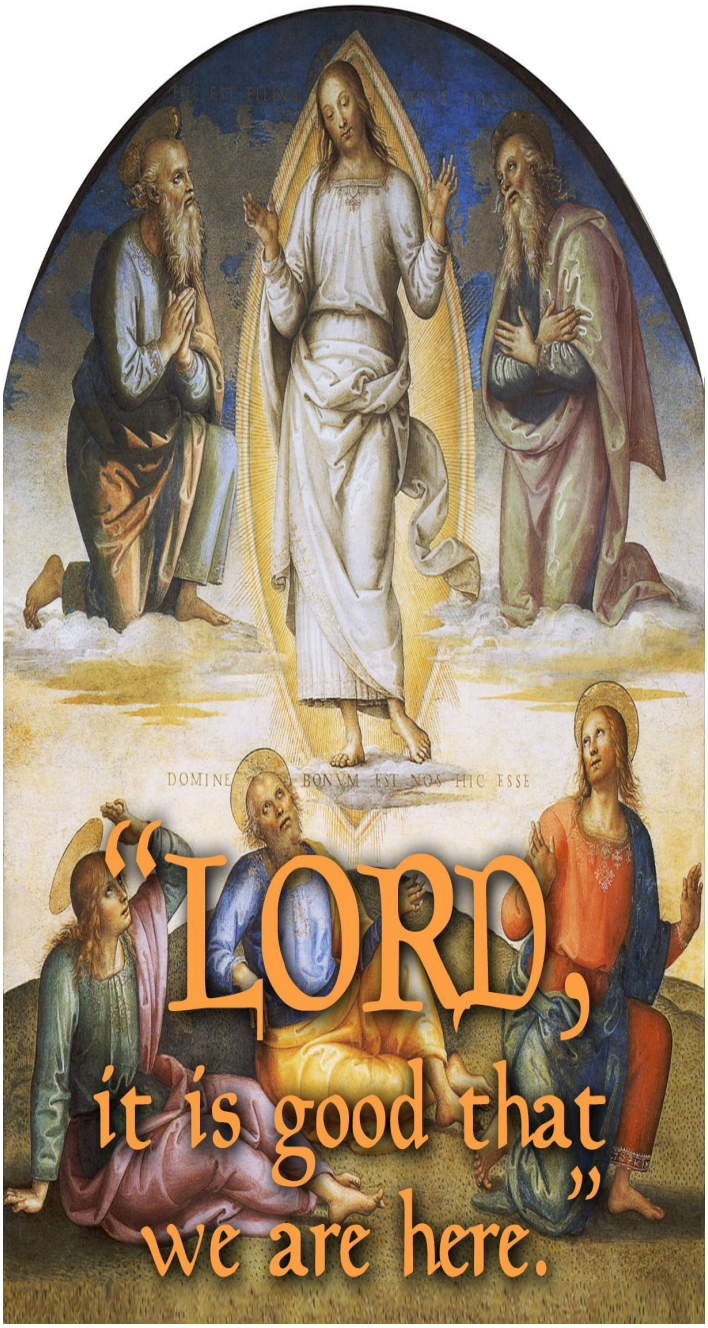

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 4 - 2nd Sunday of Lent
5:00 PM, St. Joseph + Joseph P. Lester by his daughter, Patty

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

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

Monday, March 6
6:00 PM, St. Martin, + Kyle Squib, anniversary by Grandma, Dolly

Tuesday, March 7
8:00 AM, St. Joseph, + Living & Deceased Members of Tripoli family by Julie Tripoli Marrow

Thursday, March 9
8:00 AM, St. Joseph, + Amy Kuhns by husband, Rick

Friday, March 10
8:00 AM, St. Martin, + Alex Naggy by Marge Bolish family

Saturday, March 11 - 3rd Sunday of Lent
5:00 PM, St. Joseph + Donna Latta by Pat Geary

Sunday, March 12
9:00 AM, St. Martin - Mass for our Parishioners

10:30 AM, St. Joseph + Helen Murphy, birthday by grandchildren

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday Second Sunday of Lent Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9
Monday Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11 & 13; Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday Memorial of Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 & 23; Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday Saint John of God, Religious Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16; Mt 20:17-28
Thursday Saint Frances of Rome, Religious Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6; Lk 16:19-31
Friday Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 21:33-43. 45-46
Saturday Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

St. Martin Sanctuary Candle

In acknowledging the Real Presence of Christ, the Sanctuary Candle will burn from Mar. 5 through Mar. 11 in loving memory of
Josie Ritenour
Requested by Marge Bolish

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Offertory Gifts

If your family or group is celebrating a special occasion or having the Mass Intention being offered for a loved one and you would like to take up the gifts for a specific Mass, please inform Jean McDowell at St. Martin or Tish Rossi at St. Joseph before the beginning of Mass. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Ministry Schedule

March 11th & 12th

Saturday, March 11, St. Joseph 5:00 pm
Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Drew
Lector: Jim McClarren
Altar Servers: Matt Dalton

Sunday, March 12, St. Martin 9:00 am
Eucharistic Minister: Ellen Keefe
Lector: Suzanne Skacel

Sunday, March 12, St. Joseph 10:30 am
Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Drew
Lector: Joanne Previc
Altar Servers: Emily Laughlin, Drake Kmecak

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ROUNDHOUSE PIZZA

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Attentive penitents might notice a slight difference this Lent when they go to confession. Recently, several changes were approved to the English translation of the rite of reconciliation, and the new translation may be used beginning with Ash Wednesday of this year. (Usage of the new translation becomes mandatory on Divine Mercy Sunday of this year.) So what precisely is changing? Just the most important part: the words of absolution.

Currently, the priest says, "God the Father of mercies, through the death and resurrection of His Son, has reconciled the world to Himself and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins; through the ministry of the church, may God give you pardon and peace, and I absolve you of your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

The new version, with changes in bold, is as follows: "God, the Father of mercies, through the death and resurrection of His Son, has reconciled the world to Himself and poured out the Holy Spirit for the forgiveness of sins; through the ministry of the Church, may God grant you pardon and peace, and I absolve you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

In the words of Fr. Michael Conway, Pastor of Christ the Divine Shepherd, Penn Hills/ Pitcairn and Monroeville Now, you might be tempted to question whether or not this is really necessary. With everything else going on these days, aren't there more important things to worry about than translating two words from Latin to English? (For those that are truly interested, the two words are effúdit and indulgéntiam.) But I would argue that it is a necessary change, because as it turns out, words matter. Words can hurt; words can heal. In this case, these words not only heal, but they teach us something about God.

God doesn't "send" the Spirit because the Spirit is not subservient or somehow a lesser part of the Trinity; God "pours forth" the Spirit because, in bestowing His mercy upon us in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, He shares with us His mercy and His love. He gives of Himself, because God is love. God "grants" rather than "gives" pardon and peace because He is, in fact, God - there is quite a difference in rank between He and us. But again, because God is love, He is willing to grant pardon and peace to those who seek it with sincere and contrite hearts.

Confession - Speaking of confession, there will be numerous opportunities to receive the sacrament this Lent. Confession is available every Saturday before the Vigil Mass (starting at 4:15 PM at St. Joseph; Monroeville and 5:30 pm every Monday evening at St. Martin. during the Holy Hour; every Tuesday at 6 PM before the evening Mass in Monroeville. Also, multiple priests will be available on the evening of Thursday, March 23rd for our Partner Parish wide confession service to be held at St. Joseph beginning at 7:00 pm. Disciple Maker Index - Have you completed the Disciple Maker Index yet? It will only take 10-15 minutes of your time, but it will be invaluable to our ongoing pastoral planning as we move the parish from maintenance to mission. Please see page 4 for more information.

Lenten Fish Fry - The Partner Parish Lenten fish fry is off to a great start. If you didn't get a chance to stop in this week, don't worry, there's still plenty of Lent left.

Evening of Reflection: Bishop Kulick plans to visit us on Tuesday, March 21st, 7:00 pm for a an Evening of Reflection, beginning with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Evening Prayer, Lenten reflection by Bishop Kulick followed by a time of Refreshments and Fellowship with our Bishop and fellow parishioners. I wish to reiterate this is a Partner Parish wide event. I encourage parishioners to welcome Bishop Kulick and give him a warm Derry and New Derry welcome!

AED / CPR Training a Success: Thanks so those parishioners who recently attended the AED/ CPR training workshop held at the new Bradenville Fire Dept. for their certification. Thanks for the sharing your time and talent.

May God Bless Us All,
Fr. Sam

Offertory Collection for February 26, 2023

St. Joseph Offertory

Weekly Budget Need	$	3,700.00
Actual Weekly Offering 02/26		2,901.00
Other Income		657.00
Difference this week		(142.00)
Fiscal Year to Date Budget Need		129,500.00
Fiscal Year to Date Actual		154,720.00
Year to date difference	$	25,220.00

St. Martin Offertory

Weekly Budget Need	$	2,500.00
Actual Weekly Offering 02/26		1,973.00
Other Income		68.00
Difference This Week		(459.00)
Fiscal Year to Date Budget Need		87,500.00
Fiscal Year to Date Actual		111,446.00
Year to Date Difference	$	23,946.00

Thank you for your stewardship!

OTHER INCOME for the Churches includes candles, flowers, DLA Refund, Rental, Tuition, Building Fund and Knights of Columbus Donations

Counters–Sunday March 12, 2023

St. Joseph - Team 3	St. Martin - Team 2
Pat Geary	Jean McDowell
Lorraine Opatka	Doris Eaglehouse
Debbie Rick	Stephanie Pearce

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

ST. MARTIN**:** Steve Bailas, Kathie Constantine, Larry Demagone,Richard Demagone, Doris Eaglehouse, Michael Eaglehouse, Heath Esposito, Gene Fannie, Colton Frayvolt, Brandon Fridley and Madilyn Perla

ST. JOSEPH: Amanda Bush, David Cook, Debra Davis, Roy Hoyman, Charles McNerney III, Sophia Parillo, Sophia Sledge, Sandy Stemmler, Christy Wechtenhiser and8 Linda Wilders

Please pray for the wholeness and healing of:

Jean Beason, Dave Bridge, Vince Calabrese, Frannie Campbell, Joe Caugherty, Mary Covin, Marnie Darazio, Melissa Edmonds, 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, 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

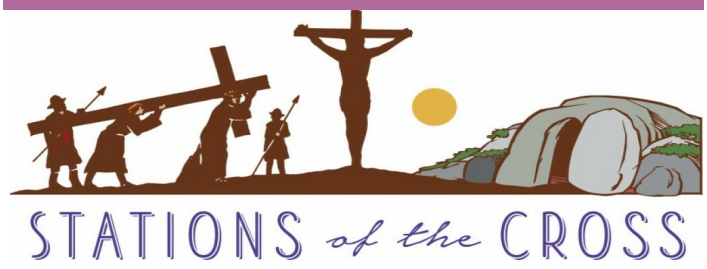
Diocesan Lenten Appeal 20223
St. Martin

Diocesan Goal	**$12,120.00**
Pledges	**1,340.00**
Amount Over	
Number of Households	**223**
Number of Donors	
Participation %	

Diocesan Lenten Appeal 2023
St. Joseph

Diocesan Goal	**$22,834.00**
Pledges	
Amount Over	
Number of Households	**366**
Number of Donors	
Participation %	

PARTNER PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Friday, March 10 - St. Martin Church - 6:15 pm
Friday, March 17 - St. Joseph Church - 6:16 pm
Friday, March 24 - St. Martin Church - 6:15 pm
Friday, March 31 - St. Joseph Church - 615 pm

Lenten Fish Fry

Lenten Fish Fry sponsored by the Knights of Columbus will be every Friday during Lent **from 11:30 am-6 pm** in St. Joseph Social Hall. **TAKE OUT ONLY**. Dinners or Ala -carte. Please call **724-694-6194** to order.

Fish Fry Bake Sale

The St. Martin Rosary Altar Society and the St. Joseph Altar Rosary Society will be sponsoring the Fish Fry Bake Sale to benefit the Knights of Columbus. Any Parishioners or members of the societies that would like to donate bake goods can bring them on Fridays after 11 am.

Lenten Scripture Study Scheduled

Lenten Scripture Study for adults. Mondays during Lent at **7 PM, Room 8, St. Joseph St. Martin Faith Formation Center.** This study of the Lenten Sunday Readings begins **Mon. Feb. 20, 2023**. Questions: call Betty at 724-989-5725.

Lenten Ecumenical Lunches

The next Lenten Ecumenical Lunch will be held on **Wednesday, March 8 at Derry United Methodist Church** from noon to 1 pm with light lunch, refreshments and Lenten reflection. All are welcome.

St. Vincent de Paul Donations

The total donations to St. Vincent de Paul for January were: St. Martin - $240.00 and for St. Joseph - $323.00 for a total of $563.00. Thank you to all who continue to contribute to this worthy cause to help so many who are in need.

ST. JOSEPH ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Joseph ARS Meeting

St. Joseph Altar Rosary Society's monthly meeting will be held on **Thursday, March 9th** beginning at 6:30 with the recitation of the Rosary. New members are welcome to join.

St. Joseph ARS Clothing Drive

The St. Joseph Altar Rosary Altar Society will be sponsoring The Lenten Clothing Drive for Torrance State Hospital. They are requesting sweatpants (elastic waist only), sweatshirts, tee shirts, socks and tennis shoes for men and women all large sizes. If anyone has other clothing that also can be donated. They can be dropped off at the church on the tables under the lower parking lot door, starting **Sunday, February 26, 2023**. Any questions call Tish Rossi at 724-694-8309 or 724-953-4905. Thank you

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. James, New Alexandria Presents: Adult Lenten Series

Tuesday, **March 7th** - 6:30 - 7:45 "Why so much focus on sin?"
Tuesday, **March 14th** - 6:30 - 7:45 "The last supper, more than just a meal"
Tuesday, **March 21st** - 6:30 - 7:45 "The sights, sounds and symbols of Holy Week"
Tuesday, **March 28th** 6:30 - 7:45 "A closer look at the death of Jesus - A theological & biological examination"

St. Bruno Fish Fry

Saint Bruno Parish, South Greensburg, will host its annual Lenten Dinners every Friday during Lent from **4:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m**. and on **Good Friday from 2:30 p.m.- 7:00 p.m.**
Dine in and take out will be available. For more information please call (724-836-0690). Menu Features: Fried fish dinners and sandwiches, baked weekly specials, fried shrimp, crab cakes, kids' meal and lots of desserts to choose from!

Young Adult Night

St. Florian Church will be hosting a Young Adult Night on **Friday, March 10th from 6:00 – 9:00 PM.** The night will include Bible Study, Group Discussion, Stations of the Cross, Confession, Refreshments, and Fellowship.
For more information call or text Teresa Parrish: (724) 771-1407

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.

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? 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 724-539-1561.

The Well - Men's Conference

Come to THE WELL on **March 25, 2023** at Christ our Shepherd Center in Greensburg.

THE WELL *"Be Not Afraid"* is excited to present keynote speaker Deacon Ralph Poyo, who will challenge you to get out of your comfort zone and make your Catholicism a way of life.

We will also feature a host of breakout speakers who will inspire and ignite the Holy Spirit in your hearts and minds.

The 2023 Diocesan Men's Conference features dynamic speakers, Eucharistic adoration, the availability of the sacrament of reconciliation, lunch and Mass celebrated by Bishop Larry J. Kulick.

Registration is $50.
Full scholarships are available from the Francis Fund.

Please plan to join us and bring a friend or two. We especially encourage those who are seeking answers about how to live a Christ centered life, no matter where you are in that journey presently. *Be Not Afraid.*

For information: Chuck Bell charlesmbell@hotmail.com 724-972-3207

LENTEN LUNCHES

The Lenten Ecumenical Lunches will be held at the following Churches during Lent from noon to 1 pm
March 1st. St. Martin
March 8th Derry United Methodist
March 15th St. Joseph's
March 22nd Derry Presbyterian

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.

CONFESSIONS

At St. Martin the Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated Monday, 5:30 pm, New Derry. At St. Joseph the Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated on Saturday, 4:15 pm, Derry or by calling the Parish office to make an appointment.

MARRIAGE

Please contact us to plan your wedding as soon as you become engaged by contacting Sr. Charlene Ozanick at mozanick@dioceseofgreensburg.org or call 724-694-5359 Ext. 5704. Parish needs to be notified 6 months in advance.

BAPTISM

Baptisms will be celebrated on Saturday morning, 11 am at St. Martin and following the 10:30 am Mass at St. Joseph. Please call Sr. Charlene Ozanick at 724-694-5359, ext.5104 to plan your celebration of Baptism.

PRIVATE PRAYER

St. Martin Church is open from 9 am to 7 pm on Monday and Wednesday for private prayer. St. Joseph is open on Tuesday's and Thursday's from 8 am to 3 pm for private prayer.