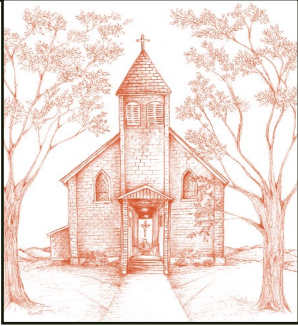


St. Martin



New Derry, Pa. 15671



Partner Parishes of the Diocese of Greensburg

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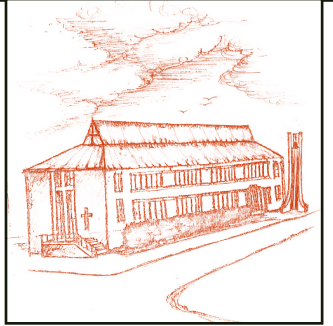
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**Partner Parish Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday,
& Thursday : 9AM to 3PM**

Closed Wednesday & Friday

WEBSITE: www.stmartinstjoseph.org

St. Joseph



Derry, Pa. 15627

April 30, 2023

Welcome to All

4th Sunday of Easter

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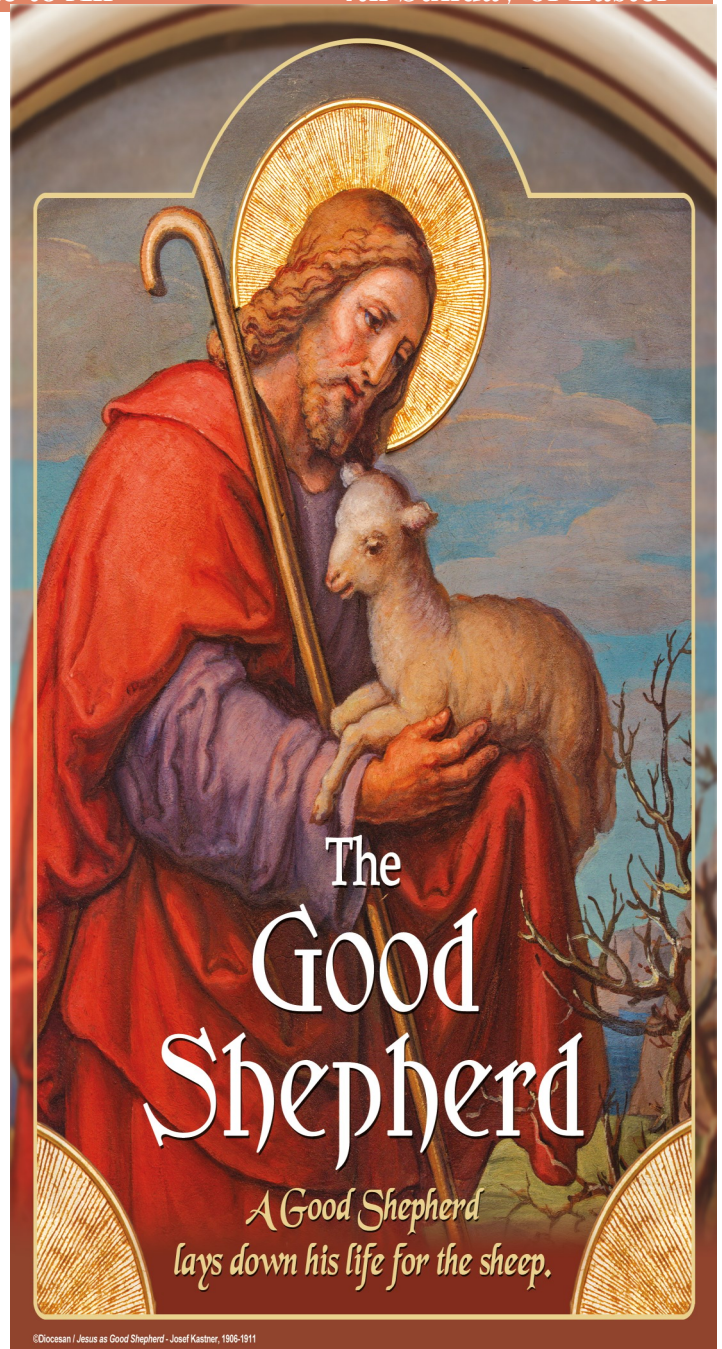
Tish Rossi, Sacristan, St. Joseph

Rich Hamrock, Maintenance Supervisor

Ted Watkins, Custodian, St. Martin
Becky Ellenberger, Custodian, St. Joseph

Knights of Columbus #2648

 **St. Joseph and St. Martin Partner Parishes, Derry**



Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 29

5:00 PM, St. Joseph + Joe Beason by wife, Jean & family

Sunday, April 30

9:00 AM, St. Martin + Robert Eaglehouse 100th Birthday by wife, Doris

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

Monday, May 1

6:00 PM, St. Martin, + Mary Beth Rightmour by Ron & Penny Westrick

Tuesday, May 2

8:00 AM, St. Joseph, + Lisa Tommasini by Robert Joe

Thursday, May 4

8:00 AM, St. Joseph + Joseph Bundy, birthday by wife, Theresa

Friday, May 5

8:00 AM, St. Martin, + Judy Cymek by Patricia Prohaska

Saturday, May 6

5:00 PM, St. Joseph + Angelo Salandro by daughter, Geraldine

Sunday, May 7

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

10:30 AM, St. Joseph + Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus & St. Rosary Altar Society



St. Martin Sanctuary Candle

In acknowledging the Real Presence of Christ, the Sanctuary Candle will burn from April 30 through May 6 in loving memory of **Robert Eaglehouse - 100th Birthday**
Requested by his wife, Doris

St. Joseph Sanctuary Candle

In acknowledging the Real Presence of Christ, the Sanctuary Candle will burn from April 30 through May 6 in loving memory of **Joseph Bundy, birthday**
Requested by his wife, Theresa & family

Ministry Schedule
May 6th & 7th

Saturday, May 6, St. Joseph 5:00 pm

Eucharistic Minister: Suzanne Markiewicz
Lector: Ed Markiewicz
Altar Servers: Matt Dalton, Brailey Polo

Sunday, May 7, St. Martin 9:00 am

Eucharistic Minister: Marge Bolish
Lector: Marie McCandless

Sunday, May 7, St. Joseph 10:30 am

Eucharistic Minister: Knights of Columbus
Lector: Knights of Columbus
Altar Servers: Emily Laughlin, Drake Kmecak

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday Fourth Sunday of Easter Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

Monday Memorial of Saint Joseph the Worker Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4; Jn 10:11-18 or Mt 13:54-58

Tuesday Memorial of Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday Feast of Saints Philip and James, Apostles 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Jn 14:6-14

Thursday Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 & 27; Jn 13:16-20

Friday Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-7, 8-9 10-11ab; Jn 14:1-6

Saturday Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 14:7-14

The recent First Communion ceremonies at our Partner Churches serve as our annual reminder to each one of us, of what a big deal it is to be able to receive the Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Sacrament. For some of us, it has been many years since our “first” Communion. And when you do something as often as we Catholics do when we go to Communion, we must be very careful not to trivialize what we get to do each time that we come to Mass. It is an honor and a privilege for us to be able to go to Holy Communion. We don't want to

ever just get up, jump in line, and come down the aisle and receive Jesus, AND NOT be fully conscious and aware of just what we are doing. The children's preparation, devotion, excitement, and awe-inspiring love for Jesus as they make their First Communion has got to inspire all of us to a greater love for the Eucharist for ourselves. We've got to see how important this is. We've got to re-commit ourselves and our lives and our time to coming to Mass EVERY week. In the same vein, why not try to go to Mass during the week? We've got to serve Jesus in serving our brothers and sisters. These were powerful weekends for all of us, if we let it be! Maybe it's time for all of us to think back to our own First Communions. Tell your kids and your grand-kids about your own First Communions. We need to ask our older kids what they remember from their First Communions, even if it's only been a few years. These are neat discussions to have as a family. By sharing our Faith with one another, we are really BUILDING our Faith together.

The month of May is especially dedicated to our **Blessed Mother** and it is the occasion for a moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world pay tribute to the Queen of Heaven. The Christian custom of dedicating the month of May to the Blessed Virgin arose at the end of the 13th century. The Blessed Virgin Mary is the Mother of the Church and therefore the example, as well as the guide and inspiration, of everyone who, in and through the Church seeks to be the servant of God and one another and an obedient agent of the promptings of the **Holy Spirit**.

This year, May Crowning celebrations are being planned at each of our Partner Churches. These are Parish events and ALL ARE INVITED...children, siblings, Moms and Dads, all parishioners! Our world is such desperate need of a Mother. St. Joseph & St. Martin, pray for us.

This is going to be a great month. It's already a little warmer. The days are longer.

May God Bless Us All,
Fr. Sam

May - the month to celebrate
our Blessed Mother, Mary



Offertory Collection for April 23, 2023

St. Joseph Offertory

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| Weekly Budget Need | \$ 3,700.00 |
| Actual Weekly Offering 04/23 | 2,693.00 |
| Other Income | 1,621.00 |
| Difference this week | 614.00 |
| Fiscal Year to Date Budget Need | 159,100.00 |
| Fiscal Year to Date Actual | 196,784.00 |
| Year to date difference | \$ 37,684.00 |

St. Martin Offertory

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| Weekly Budget Need | \$ 2,500.00 |
| Actual Weekly Offering 04/23 | 1,390.00 |
| Other Income | 67.00 |
| Difference this week | (1,043.00) |
| Fiscal Year to Date Budget Need | 107,500.00 |
| Fiscal Year to Date Actual | 139,860.00 |
| Year to Date Difference | \$ 32,360.00 |

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 May 7 , 2023

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| <u>St. Joseph - Team 1</u> | <u>St. Martin - Team 4</u> |
| Louise Brindle | Mary Lou Shumaker |
| Janine Elliott | Sylvia Smith |
| Steve Maus | Chris Treece |



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

ST. MARTIN: Elvira Baum, Catherine Bloom, Margaret Bolish, Zack Hafer, Grace Kelly, Patricia Lukon, Margaret Novello. Mark Piantine and Mary Prah,

ST. JOSEPH: Aiden Bushy, Shannon Dalton, Anthony Ditanto, Max Doherty, Sally Loftus, Julia Maljan, Kylie Mears, George Rellick, Madison Repak, Loretta Sanner and Copper Sisitki,

Please pray for the wholeness and healing of:

Jean Beason, Cathy Bridge, 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, Deora Matvey, Odin, Reagan, & Lennon Mealy, Charlotte (Charlie) Nicol, Selma Patterson, Bob Reeping, Thomas Ridenour, Robin Roberts, 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
04/24/23**

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| Diocesan Goal | \$13,660.00 |
| Pledges | 24,186.00 |
| Amount Paid | 20,800.00 |
| Number of Households | 187 |
| Number of Donors | 88 |
| Participation | 47.1% |

Diocesan Lenten Appeal 2023

**St. Joseph
04/24/23**

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| Diocesan Goal | \$22,834.00 |
| Pledges | 25,091.00 |
| Amount Paid | 19,530.00 |
| Number of Households | 282 |
| Number of Donors | 112 |
| Participation % | 39.7% |

IN SYMPATHY

Sincere Sympathy is offered to the families of **Anna Marie Reed & Fred Schell** who died recently. May the perpetual light shine upon their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed.

PARTNER PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENTION ALL VOLUNTEERS- CLEARANCES, WHO ME?

Three cheers for VOLUNTEERS!

All parish volunteers need clearances, in fulfillment of our commitment to providing a safe environment. Some folks WANT to do more for the parish but find the idea of getting clearances daunting. We might envision complicated forms, long waits in line, and such. Actually, obtaining clearances is QUICK and EASY. All parishioners over the age of 18 who wish to help out at Parish functions, who have direct or any possible contact with children or the ability to do so, need to complete the following requirements: The following clearances are required by PA law include: signing an FBI fingerprinting waiver (if you have lived in PA for the past 10 years) or getting fingerprinted, PA Criminal History Check and PA Child Abuse Clearance. Diocesan requirements include: Mandatory Reporter Training, VIRTUS training and signing the Diocesan Code of Pastoral Conduct form. We value all our volunteers and are committed to providing support to ensure that we meet this requirement and ensure a safe environment for our children. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office as soon as possible. If you do not have proper clearances according to the Diocese of Greensburg, you will not be permitted to volunteer. Any questions, please call Karen Novello at the Parish Officer, 724-694-5359 or email knovello@dioceseofgreensburg.org **Clearances must be submitted no later than May 19, 2023.** Any questions, please call the office, 724-694-5359.

Congratulations First Communicants!

Congratulations to our second graders who have received their First Holy Communion: **Abigail Kozar** at St. Martin on Sunday, April 16 and **Copper Sisitki** and **Sophia Sledge** at St. Joseph on Sunday, April 23. Thank you to their Faith Formation teacher, Sheryl Stercho, for preparing them for the Sacrament, as well as their families, friends and godparents who have been encouraging them in their faith and helping them prepare for their First Communion.

ST. JOSEPH ANNOUNCEMENTS

May Crowning

On **Sunday, May 7, 2023**, after the 10:30 Mass at St. Joseph Church, there will be a May Crowning of the Blessed Mother. The recent First Communicants will be participating in the May crowning.

Honoring Mary!

May is the month to honor Mary, the Blessed Mother and all Mothers. The St. Joseph Altar Rosary Society is planning to honor all past and present Mothers. There are also ladies in our lives: Grandmothers, Mother in Law, Godmothers Aunts and Guardians who are special "Mothers." Anyone wanting to honor these special ladies may bring their framed pictures in **beginning May 1** to St. Joseph Church where they will be displayed during the entire month of May. Please label the picture with their name, the parishioners name and relationship.

Outdoor Rosary

In honor of May being the month of Mary, the Blessed Mother, the St. Joseph Altar Rosary Society is inviting parishioners from the Partner Parishes of St. Martin & St. Joseph to an outdoor Rosary recitation (weather permitting). We will gather on **Thursday, May 11, 2023, 6:00 PM** in front of the Blessed Mother Grotto in the back parking lot. Please try to attend and bring a chair.

The St. Joseph Altar Rosary Society would like to thank all who donated to the Lenten Clothing Drive for Torrance State Hospital and Derry Area High School Kind Closet. The response was wonderful. Thank you and God bless.

ST. MARTIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rosary & May Crowning at St. Martin

St. Martin's Rosary Altar Society will recite the Rosary before the **9 am Mass every Sunday** during the Month of May. They will have a May Crowning of the Blessed Mother on **Sunday, May 7** at the 9 am Mass. Please join us as we offer our spiritual Mother our prayers that she may guide and intercede for us in our journey of faith in loving and trusting God completely. All are welcome!

Thank You!

St. Martin Rosary Altar Society feels so privileged to be designated as the recipient of memorial gifts in memory of Betty Myers. We want to thank the Myers family for thinking of the Rosary Altar Society. We are so touched.

CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS

The Diocese of Greensburg requires all volunteers to have all of the following clearances and trainings prior to work or ministry in the diocese. †

[Diocesan Code of Pastoral Conduct](#)

[PA Mandated Reporter Training](#) *

[VIRTUS Training](#)

[PA Criminal History Check Form](#) - Every Five Years

[PA Child Abuse Form](#) - Every Five Years

New volunteers could use the affidavit so long as they have had a continual connection with the parish and have maintained a residence in PA for 10 years. Thus a move out of the parish or the State for over one year would require a new FBI Clearance to be obtained.

[FBI Fingerprint Check](#) - Every Five Years. **Initial submission must be done through screening agency.**

Then every five years screening agency submission **OR** an [Affidavit for volunteers only](#) ‡.

All clearances listed above, as required by the state of Pennsylvania, are **valid for a period of five years**, and must be renewed prior to the five-year expiration date in order to be able to continue employment, or to volunteer.

Clearance renewal forms for volunteers are available in the office or may be obtained online. (See Attached Forms)

Virtus Training is required to anyone who has not done this training previously. It is offered online through the Diocese website. There is also a recommended refresher course available online.

Thank you for your help complying with the Diocese and State requirements. If you have any questions, please contact Karen at 724-694-5359. Press 2, Press 3.

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Diocesan Scout Convocation Mass May 7

The Diocese of Greensburg’s Catholic Committee on Scouting invites all members of the scouting family to attend the Diocesan Scout Convocation Mass **Sunday, May 7, at 3 p.m.** at St. Regis Church, Trafford. Bishop Larry J. Kulick will be the main celebrant for this annual celebration of Catholic Scouting in the Diocese. Catholic Scouts who have completed work on their religious emblems in the past year will be recognized. Units are encouraged to attend as a group and display their unit flags. A light reception will follow. Information on the religious emblems program and on the Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting will be available. The Mass fulfills the Sunday obligation. No registration is necessary; however, units planning to attend are asked to contact Diocesan Scout Chaplain Father George E. Saletrik at 412-372-4577, ext. 205, or gsaletrik@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

Bus trip to Sight and Sound Theatre’s ‘Moses’

St. Paul Parish, Greensburg, is planning a bus trip to the Sight and Sound Theater, Lancaster, to see "Moses" **Friday, June 23**. Cost is \$178. The bus will leave at 10 a.m. The trip will include an Amish-style dinner at Plain & Fancy. Participants can register, pay the deposit and sign waivers at <https://scholasticatravel.groupcollect.com/go/15477a>. For information, call 724-989-6034.

St. Bart’s \$6500 Ticket

St. Bartholomew's in Crabtree, PA will be selling a \$6,500 Cash Give-A-Way Ticket to help support Our Lady Of Mount Carmel 2023 Festival. Tickets are **\$10 each**. The winning number will be taken from the 7:00 PM Pick 3 PA daily Evening Lottery Number on **Saturday, July 29th** of 2023. If you're interested in purchasing or selling these tickets. Please contact Philomena Self at the Parish Office at 724-834-0709.

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.

