

Devoting Support ^{to our}

FAITH

Community

STAYING CONNECTED

God's work continues during
the COVID-19 pandemic.

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of our parish!



Staying Connected During COVID-19

I have been keeping the parishioners of St. Martin in my prayers during this pandemic. I can't even imagine the difficulties you must be facing; balancing family, job, school and everything else that has been made more complicated by COVID-19. During this stress-filled time, I want you to know that our parish continues to care for the spiritual and material needs of our faith community.

During COVID-19, St. Martin strived to sustain the Church's mission by keeping parishioners connected primarily through use of the Partner Parish website. We have also mailed to parishioners the weekly bulletin. I have certainly kept the entire parish family in my daily prayers and continued to pray for your well-being, safety and protection during the Masses when Mass intentions were offered privately.

We also, once our church building opened, created volunteer cleaning crews to sanitize the church and restrooms after each use.



Fr. Salvatore R. Lamendola
Pastor

Ways You Can Give



**Partner Parishes of
St. Martin/St. Joseph**
125 S. Ligonier St.
Derry, PA 15627



9 AM-3 PM
Monday, Tuesday
and Thursday



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Sadly, as you can imagine, the virus has greatly impacted every form of stewardship. If you are willing to give of your time and talent to help those in need, please look for our ministry listings and contact us to volunteer. Even though we cannot gather as we normally would, this may be an especially good time to consider a ministry in our parish so that when we do begin to gather, you will have an idea of how you want to serve our community of faith.

Additionally, as you might imagine, your continued financial support during this difficult time will help our parish to maintain and to continue God's work. And so, with great sensitivity to whatever your circumstances might be, I humbly ask, if you are able, that you consider an increase of your weekly or monthly offertory. You can make that commitment online or by sending those donations directly to the parish via U.S. Mail or by visiting our website for online offertory.

COVID-19 and its Impact on our Faith Community



Our parish offertory did not nosedive during COVID-19, but it has dropped. Generally, parishioners have held their ground. In fact, we have been able to pay our monthly diocesan assessments and bills. We also were again successful in meeting and surpassing the challenges of this year's Diocesan Lenten Appeal.

Our parish did suffer the loss of our primary fundraiser, the Lenten fish dinners.



Parish Statistics



Registered Households



2018: 341
2019: 323
2020: 343

Single Member Households



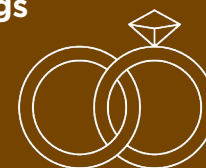
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Baptisms



2018: 3
2019: 8
2020: 3

Weddings



2018: 5
2019: 2
2020: 5

Funerals



2018: 21
2019: 12
2020: 4

Parish Financials

	2018	2019	2020
Offertory	\$ 104,148	\$ 106,699	\$ 100,587
Other Ordinary Income <i>(monthly collections, votive candles)</i>	2,912	2,878	3,702
Extraordinary Income <i>(bequests, donations, fundraising, interest, rental income)</i>	15,220	16,096	6,290
Diocesan Lenten Appeal Refund	11,729	10,708	6,914
Other Non-Assessable Income <i>(The Catholic Accent, sale of property, insurance reimbursements, and PPP Loan)</i>	17,978	33,178	4,743
Special Collections	6,335	5,638	5,774
Total Income	\$ 158,322	\$ 175,197	\$ 128,010
Expenses			
Administration	\$ 36,217	\$ 39,642	\$ 37,442
Church	21,998	46,544	13,702
Rectory	3,126	2,349	3,029
Education and Ministry	20,833	20,688	19,293
General Expenses	41,648	46,074	50,565
Special Collections	6,408	5,496	5,966
Extraordinary Expenses	10,544	4,449	143
Total Expenditures	140,774	165,243	130,140
Net Operating Income (Loss)	\$ 17,548	\$ 9,954	\$ (2,130)

Capital Improvements

Your contributions to our parish help to maintain the facility, making it the center of prayer in our community. Significant quality of life improvements over the past three years at St. Martin include a complete upgrade of the church sound system, a new digital church organ, and new linens for the main altar, in addition to both the side and tabernacle areas.

Outside the church, there have been sidewalk repairs and cemetery maintenance performed. Our shared Partner Parish parish center has received numerous upgrades including new furniture, office computers, enhanced lighting and high-speed internet capability in our faith formation classrooms.



Ministries at St. Martin

St. Martin Parish encourages its parishioners to participate in one of our liturgical, social or music ministries. If you are interested, please contact the parish office.

Altar Server

Altar servers assist the priest in preparing and serving at Mass

Faith Formation Leaders and Catechists

These individuals assist in forming the next generation of Christ's Disciples.

Music Ministry

Choirs provide musical support of full and active participation in the Liturgy.

Knights of Columbus #2648

The Knights are a charitable service to the poor and hungry, while promoting Catholic education and family values.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Parishioners assist the priest in distributing the Eucharist at Mass.

Altar Rosary Society

The Altar Rosary Society under the inspiration of Mary, our Blessed Mother, strives to promote devotion, love, dedication and service to the Church and parish community. Members help maintain altar linens, assist in caring for the altar, assist at funeral luncheons and support other parish activities.

The Altar Rosary Society has a deep abiding love for the Holy Rosary which is recited before all meetings, in addition to praying the Angelus and a Prayer for Those Affected by Addictions and Prayer for Vocations.

Communion Ministers to the Homebound

Men and women, as well as the Pastor, carry our Blessed Lord present in the Holy Eucharist to our homebound parishioners on a monthly basis. Parishioners who cannot attend Mass may call the Parish Office to arrange for home visitation.

RCIA

Adult faith formation journey into the Catholic Church.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Members helping the poor and community with their needs.

Ushers

The ushers take up the offertory and distribute bulletins after Mass. They also assist as needed with emergencies or other necessary concerns.

Ministry of Care

These volunteers provide pastoral care to the sick and homebound of the parish. The ministers take the Eucharist to the sick where they are at home, a personal care home or a nursing home.

Lectors

Lectors proclaim the Word of God during Mass or other liturgical functions. Lectors devote time to preparation and understanding of sacred Scripture.

Money Counters

These individuals assist in counting collections.

Greeters

Greeters welcome Parishioners to our faith community.

Our Lady's Rosary Makers

Our Lady's Rosary Makers are an organization of volunteers who promote the devotion to Our Lady through making Rosaries to give to Catholics in our parish, the Home Missions, and those abroad.