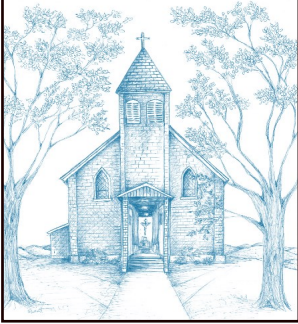


St. Martin



New Derry, Pa. 15671



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St. Joseph



Derry, Pa. 15627

September 10, 2023

Welcome to All

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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



*"We'll always honor
the heroes of 9/11.
And here at this hallowed place,
we pledge that
we will never forget
their sacrifice."*

President George W. Bush 2008

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, Sept. 9 - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary time

5:00 PM, St. Joseph + Stephanie Stalteri & Stella Davis by family

Sunday, Sept. 10

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

10:30 m, St. Joseph + Boyd A. Gaul, anniversary by wife Joanne & family

Monday, Sept. 11

6:00 PM, St. Martin + Delores James by Mary Razza

Tuesday, Sept. 12

8:00 AM, St. Joseph, + Don Gray, birthday by family

Thursday, Sept. 14

8:00 AM, St. Joseph + Paul Gray by Karen & family

Friday, Sept. 15

8:00 AM, St. Martin+ Anna Marie Reed by Doris Eaglehouse

Saturday, Sept. 16 - 24th Sunday in Ordinary time

5:00 PM, St. Joseph + Steve Gaul by Gloria Weppelman

Sunday, Sept. 17

9:00 AM, St. Martin + John Stahovec by nephew, Sean Bolish & family



St. Martin Sanctuary Candle

In acknowledging the Real Presence of Christ, the Sanctuary Candle will burn from Sept. 10 through Sept. 16 in memory

Ken Hitchman

Requested by his wife, Dee

St. Joseph Sanctuary Candle

In acknowledging the Real Presence of Christ, the Sanctuary Candle will burn from Sept. 10 through Sept. 16 in memory of

Helen & Gene Murphy

Requested by their daughter, Joanne

**Ministry Schedule
Sept. 16th & 17th**

Saturday, Sept. 16th, St. Joseph 5:00 pm

Eucharistic Minister: Tish Tomlinson

Lector: Ed Markiewicz

Altar Server: Brailey Polo

Sunday, Sept. 17th, St. Martin 9:00 am

Eucharistic Minister: Marge Bolish

Lector: Ellen Keefe

Sunday, Sept. 17th, St. Joseph 10:30 am

Eucharistic Minister: Marie Giotto

Lector: Joanne Gaul

Altar Server: Emily Laughlin, Drake Kmecak

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Scripture Readings

For the Week of September 10, 2023

Sunday	Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20
Monday	Col 1:24-2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday	Memorial of the Holy Name of Mary Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11; Lk 6:12 -19
Wednesday	Memorial of Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Col 3:1-11, Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab; Lk 6:20-26
Thursday	Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
Friday	Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a & 5, 7-8, 11; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Saturday	Memorial of Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs 1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5 & 6-7; Lk 6:43-49

Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again, rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:4-7).

It has taken years, but the current generation of young people graduating from high school and college is the first generation of the post-9/11 world to grow up with no memory of that horrible day. For the rest of us, it is impossible to forget. It is our shared national trauma, the deadliest terrorist attack in American history, claiming the lives of 3000 innocent people. Like all trauma, it has left a deep scar on our hearts that aches anew with each anniversary, and though the passage of time may dull it, it will never go away.

That single day of violence and hate spawned two decades of even more violence that added another estimated 900,000 people to the death toll, including 7,000 American servicemen and women. Without passing judgment on the morality or advisability of the War on Terror and other conflicts that emerged after 9/11, right or wrong, no nation or people can suffer that much bloodshed without profoundly affecting us on a fundamental level, even as deep as our souls. The spiritual trauma we have all suffered from 9/11 and its aftermath needs equally serious healing.

We need to rebuild the humanity we have lost through these years of violence by drawing closer to Christ and becoming more Christ-like ourselves. We need to build up the peace in our souls that only Christ, the Prince of Peace, can bring and become agents of that peace in our world. Drawing closer to Christ of course begins with a serious commitment to real, intentional prayer. That means putting our hearts and minds into it and giving ourselves completely to Christ when we pray, whatever form our prayer takes. It also means making and sticking to a commitment to both regular personal prayer and communal prayer, setting time and a special place aside just for you and Jesus but also doing the same with others in prayer, especially the sacraments of Eucharist and Penance and Reconciliation, the healing sacrament.

On Deck--

The 2023 Blue Mass will be held at St. Joseph Church on September 26th in Derry starting at 6:00 p.m. People of all faiths are welcome to attend and join in showing our gratitude to these dedicated heroes. All active and retired members of the public safety community are encouraged to come with their families and in uniform. Many elected officials at the state, and local level will be in attendance to honor those who serve.

Blessings will be bestowed upon all who contribute to the public health and safety of the citizens of Pennsylvania. The gift bearers at the Mass will be members of the public safety community.

The Blue Mass (referring to the blue uniforms that firefighters, law enforcement and other first responders wear) dates back to 1934 and is a venerable tradition in many dioceses.

Glory and praise to Jesus Christ. Amen

Offertory Collection for Sept. 3, 2023

No update due to Labor Day Holiday

St. Joseph Offertory

Weekly Budget Need	\$	3,700.00
Actual Weekly Offering 09/10		3,221.00
Other Income 09/10		235.00
Difference this week		(244.00)
Fiscal Year to Date Budget Need		37,400.00
Fiscal Year to Date Actual		37,805.00
Year to date difference	\$	805.00

St. Martin Offertory

Weekly Budget Need	\$	2,500.00
Actual Weekly Offering 09/10		2,383.00
Other Income 09/10		1,039.00
Difference this week		922.00
Fiscal Year to Date Budget Need		25,000.00
Fiscal Year to Date Actual		24,822.00
Year to Date Difference	\$	(178.00)

THANK YOU for your stewardship!

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

WINNERS

Knights of Columbus Labor Day
Sheetz Cards

Susan Malarick
Faye Kokoska

Counters—Sunday Sept. 17, 2023

St. Joseph - Team 5

Joanne Previc
Frannie Gray
Jim McClarren

St. Martin - Team 5

Stella Free
Linda Newell
Darci Kelly



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

ST. MARTIN: Abigail Burkardt, Susan Byers, Kelly DeCario, Linda Newell, Barbara Panazzi and Deborah Riley

ST. JOSEPH: Julia Chockla, Kim Huss, Ron Hutchison, Emily Laughlin, Mikayla McCallen, Leslie McClarren and Tom Sylvester

Please pray for the wholeness and healing of:

Jean Beason, Cathy Bridge, Dave Bridge, Frannie Campbell, Joe Caugherty, Mary Covin, Marnie Darazio, Alanna DeRito-Gaudiello, Chuck DeRito, Lisa Davis, Bronco Figuerora, Cindi Frank, Peggy Jasper, John Joyce, Larry Lowden, Deora Matvey, Odin, Reagan, & Lennon Mealy, Ron Menzie, Charlotte (Charlie) Nicol, Selma Patterson, 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



Pastor's Pun: Why do pirate captains always sing tenor?

There're the only ones who can hit the high C's.

PARTNER PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS**Altar Server Training Sessions**

Altar Server Training Serving at the altar of the Lord is a very privileged and important role within the Church. As an altar server, young people can participate in the Mass in a very special way while also learning the values of service and reverence. Any child who has received First Communion and will be entering the 4th grade or beyond, is eligible to become an altar server. Fr. Sam will be holding the first of several training sessions at on **Saturday, September 16th 10-11 am at St. Joseph and on Saturday, September 30th 10-11 am at St. Joseph.** New servers are required to attend three sessions. Current servers are required to attend one session. Please contact Sr. Charlene and provide your child's name, phone number, email, parent(s)/guardian(s) names, and the session(s) which you plan to attend.

Lector Training for Current Lectors

There will be a **mandatory** "Refresher Session" for all current lectors, led by Sister Charlene. For lectors of St. Joseph Parish, the session will be in the church Tuesday, on **September 19th at 7:00 p.m.** Lectors from St. Martin Parish, will meet in church on **Thursday, September 21st at 7:00 p.m.**

Annual Blue Mass

An annual Blue Mass will be Held at St. Joseph Church, 125 S. Ligonier St, Derry, Pa on **Tuesday, Sept. 26, at 6 pm.** The Blue Mass honors all Police Officers, Firefighters, Public Safety Professionals, EMS and Local Officials. All are welcome to attend. For more information please call the office of the Partner Parishes of St. Martin & St. Joseph.

Evening of Recollection

St. Martin Rosary Altar Society will have their annual Evening of Recollection on **Monday Oct. 2, 2023.** The guest speaker is Msgr. James Gaston, a retired priest of the Diocese of Greensburg who will be joined by our Pastor, Fr. Sam. The Evening of Recollection will **begin at 4:30** with the recitation of the Rosary along with the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Holy Mass begins at 5:00 pm followed by a festive dinner in the church social hall. Registration forms are available at the entrance areas of both parishes. Cost is \$21. Any questions please contact Mary Jane Voyten (724-694-8532) or Suzanne Skacel(724-244-0764). Deposit the registration forms in collection basket no later than Sept. 23/24.

Upcoming Mission Cooperative Appeal

Fr. Anthony Onoko will be speaking to us on **Sept 16th & 17th.** He will be representing the Catholic Diocese of Ilorin. This diocese is located in the southwestern part of Nigeria. Fr. Anthony's presentation will focus on the missionary activities in the Ilorin Diocese and especially St. Vincent Vocational Centre. The vocational center plans to train people in different skills. The bulk of the trainees are newly displaced individuals and others who are facing challenges of beginning life all over because of the impacts of violence and terrorism in Nigeria. On behalf of the Diocese of Ilorin, I wish to extend my gratitude to the Bishop of Greensburg, Most Rev. Larry J. Kulick, Fr. Lamendola and the Mission Office for giving us this opportunity to participate in the Missionary Cooperative program for this year. I thank all the people of God for their constant generosity and prayers. God Bless!

Bereavement Support Group

Bereavement support group meets at Mother of Sorrows Parish, Murrysville Two bereavement support opportunities are planned at Mother of Sorrows Parish, Murrysville: **Tuesdays beginning Sept. 12 from 6:30-8 p.m., and Wednesdays beginning Sept. 13 from 1-2:30 p.m.** The group will meet weekly through Oct. 24. For more information or to register, call 724-733-8870.

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS**Italian Day Food Sale St. Rita Parish, Connellsville**

The Christian Mothers of St. Rita Parish, Connellsville, will host an Italian Day sale **Friday, Sept. 1, from 11 a.m.-5:30 p.m.** in the social hall. Three dinners will be available for dining in or takeout: spaghetti with two meatballs, manicotti with two meatballs, and eggplant parmesan with a side of spaghetti and one meatball. All dinners include salad, roll and cake. Pizza will also be available.

Life-Way Family Center

Life-Way Pregnancy & Family Center located at 1516 Ligonier St., Latrobe are open to assist all people with the following counseling & educational services: Pregnancy & Birth Lessons, Birthing Classes, Parenting through the Milestones, Life Skills Group Classes, Fatherhood lessons and Co-parenting Lessons. Go to Lifewayfamilies.org or call 724-539-2002 and talk to Tricia.

The Eucharist



"The Lamb of God," "The Bread of Life," "The Body and the Blood of Christ"... these are phrases we know from the Mass. But do we understand what they mean in the greater and deeper context of Scripture and Church teaching?

Discovering the Mass through the Bible.

Dr. Brant Pitre guides us through Scripture and the biblical roots of the Eucharist, through its foreshadowing in the miraculous events of the Old Testament, the Gospels, and Apostolic teaching.

Join us for this 10-part Lectio Series on the Eucharist.



Stunned Disciples: Their Perspective of Jesus' Death and Resurrection

Stunned Disciples, is Thursday, September 21, 2023 at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg. Events are being held at 9:30 a.m., 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

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.

CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES LAW AS A REMINDER! PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN!

All those who volunteer in church ministry are required to obtain the Diocesan requirements for the PA Child Protection Services Law. The requirements and links can be found on the Diocesan website at www.dioceseofgreensburg.org.

The 6 requirements are:

- 1) PA Criminal Record Check
- 2) Child Abuse History Clearance
- 3) Volunteer Fingerprint Affidavit
- 4) Diocesan Code of Pastoral Conduct
- 5) Mandated Reporter Training - Online
- 6) Virtus/Protecting God's Children

