

St. Martin



New Derry, Pa. 15671



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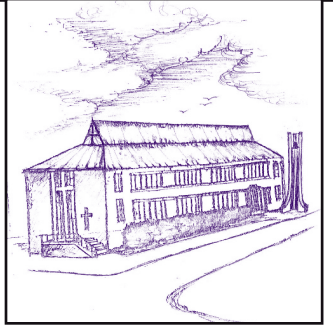
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December 10, 2023

Welcome to All

2nd Sunday of Advent

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



Mass Intentions

Saturday, Dec. 9th – 2nd Sunday of Advent

5:00 PM, St. Joseph + Chris Constantine by wife & children

Sunday, Dec. 10th

9:00 AM, St. Martin - For the People of our Parish

10:30 AM, St. Joseph + John Rellick, anniversary by wife & family

Monday, Dec. 11th

6:00 PM, St. Martin + George Shumaker by wife, Mary Lou

Tuesday, Dec. 12th

8:00 AM, St. Joseph, + Evelyn Ciocco by children

Thursday, Dec. 14th

8:00 AM, St. Joseph + Shirley Laskie by Bob & Betty Shimp

Friday, Dec. 15th

8:00 AM, St. Martin + Geno & Ann Pennesi by family

Saturday, Dec. 16th – 3rd Sunday of Advent

5:00 PM, St. Joseph + James Prohaska by Geri & James Yacobucci

Sunday, Dec. 17th

9:00 AM, St. Martin + Sam DeCario by children

10:30 AM, St. Joseph - For the People of our Parish



St. Martin Sanctuary Candle

In acknowledging the Real Presence of Christ, the Sanctuary Candle will burn from Dec. 10 through Dec. 16 as a special intention for **Stella Free**

Requested by Linda & Luann

St. Joseph Sanctuary Candle

In acknowledging the Real Presence of Christ, the Sanctuary Candle will burn from Dec. 10 through Dec. 16 in memory of **Roxane Rellick**

Requested by family

Ministry Schedule

Dec. 16th & Dec. 17th

Saturday, Dec. 16, St. Joseph 5:00 pm

Eucharistic Minister: Pat Geary

Lector: Sharon Ritenour

Altar Server: Ava Beeman

Sunday, Dec. 17, St. Martin 9:00 am

Eucharistic Minister: Ken Myers

Lector: Marie McCandless

Sunday, Dec. 17, St. Joseph 10:30 am

Eucharistic Minister: Marie Giotto

Lector: Joanne Gaul

Altar Servers: Drake Kmecak & Nikala Leverio

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday Second Sunday of Advent

Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

Monday Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab & 10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Zec 2:14-17; Judith 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Wednesday Memorial of Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

Is 40:25-31; Ps 103: 1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday Memorial of Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

Friday Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Father Sam's Corner

The Advent wreath

The Advent wreath is part of our long-standing Catholic tradition. However, the actual origins are uncertain. There is evidence of pre-Christian Germanic peoples using wreaths with lit candles during the cold and dark December days as a sign of hope in the future warm and extended-sunlight days of Spring. In Scandinavia during Winter, lighted candles were placed around a wheel, and prayers were offered to the god of light to turn "the wheel of the earth" back toward the sun to lengthen the days and restore warmth.

The symbolism of the Advent wreath is beautiful. The wreath is made of various evergreens, signifying continuous life. Even these evergreens have a traditional meaning which can be adapted to our faith: The laurel signifies victory over persecution and suffering; pine, holly, and yew, immortality; and cedar, strength and healing. Holly also has a special Christian symbolism: The prickly leaves remind us of the crown of thorns, and one English legend tells of how the cross was made of holly. The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul, and the everlasting life found in Christ. Any pine cones, nuts, or seedpods used to decorate the wreath also symbolize life and resurrection. All together, the wreath of evergreens depicts the immortality of our soul and the new, everlasting life promised to us through Christ, the eternal Word of the Father, who entered our world becoming true man and who was victorious over sin and death through His own passion, death, and resurrection.

The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent. A tradition is that each week represents one thousand years, to sum to the 4,000 years from Adam and Eve until the Birth of the Savior. Three candles are purple and one is rose. The purple candles in particular symbolize the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and good works undertaken at this time. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, when the priest also wears rose vestments at Mass; Gaudete Sunday is the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when their preparation is now half over and they are close to Christmas. The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of His second coming to judge the living and the dead.

The light again signifies Christ, the Light of the world. Some modern day adaptations include a white candle placed in the middle of the wreath, which represents Christ and is lit on Christmas Eve. Another tradition is to replace the three purple and one rose candles with four white candles, which will be lit throughout Christmas season.

Since Advent is a time to stir-up our faith in the Lord, the wreath and its prayers provide us a way to augment this special preparation for Christmas. Moreover, this good tradition helps us to remain vigilant in our homes and not lose sight of the true meaning of Christmas.

What are the four virtues of the Advent wreath?

The four candles of the Advent wreath specifically symbolize the Christian concepts of hope, peace, joy and love, with these candles being lit subsequently throughout each week of the Advent season.

Special Congratulations to our Second Graders

5 students received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Saturday, December 2nd. They encountered God's love and mercy in this beautiful Sacrament!

Christ's peace and our Mother's love,
Fr. Sam



Offertory Collection for Dec. 3, 2023

St. Joseph Offertory: In order to meet our budgetary needs, St. Joseph requires an average of \$3,700.00 per week in offertory collections.

Weekly Budget Need	\$ 3,700.00
Actual Weekly Offering 12/3	3,828.00
Other Income 12/3	935.00
Difference This Week 12/3	1,063.00
Fiscal Year to Date Budget Need	85,100.00
Fiscal Year to Date Actual	96,613.00
Year to date difference	11,513.00

St. Martin Offertory: In order to meet our budgetary needs, St. Martin requires an average of \$2,500.00 per week in offertory collections.

Weekly Budget Need	\$ 2,500.00
Actual Weekly Offering 12/3	2,593.00
Other Income 12/3	156.00
Difference this week 12/3	249.00
Fiscal Year to Date Budget Need	57,500.00
Fiscal Year to Date Actual	64,696.00
Year to Date Difference	7,196.00

We appreciate your continued support!

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

Counters--Sunday Dec. 17, 2023

St. Joseph - Team 3

Marsha Maljan
Debbie Rick
Lorraine Opatka

St. Martin - Team 6

Joyce Spangler
Penny Westrick
Ron Westrick



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

ST. MARTIN: Donna Datsko, Amber Eaglehouse, Eugene Joe

ST. JOSEPH: Drew DeCrease, DeWayne Dills, Joan Ersick, Gloria Henigin, Douglas, Hodczak, Jeffrey Rick

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, Mary Lou Gunsallus, Peggy Jasper, John Joyce, Lala Leilani, Larry Lowden, Deora Matvey, Cathy McGearry, Odin, Reagan & Lennon Mealy, Ron Menzie, Charlotte (Charlie) Nicol, Neila Overio, 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



ST. MARTIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Custodian Position Available for St. Martin

St. Martin has an opening for a part-time Church Custodian with approximately 3-4 hours weekly. The position covers cleaning the main Church and Social Hall (as needed). If interested kindly call the Parish Office at 724-694-5359.

Thank You!

St. Martin Rosary Altar Society would like to thank everyone who donated to the coat and food drive. Thank you to those who helped deliver all collected items to the Derry School District.

ST. JOSEPH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ladies Rosary Makers

The Ladies Rosary Makers have ended another great year. Making over 3,000 Rosaries for the missions. They would like to thank all who helped in any way.

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

March for Life Scheduled

The March for Life in Washington DC will be on **Friday, January 19**. In the past, parishes have organized a bus trip for clergy, staff, and parishioners to bear witness to the importance of defending life at all stages. We encourage you to consider doing so this year. Even though Roe v Wade has been overturned, this witness is still needed just as much today.

St. Bartholomew's Christmas Pageant

We invite you to come and experience a night in Bethlehem, and the story of our Saviors birth put on by our young children. Join us for our Christmas Pageant, which will be on **Saturday, December 16th, at 6:30 PM in Marian Hall** (388 Cemetery Rd, Crabtree, PA 15624). For any questions, please call the Parish Rectory at 724-834-0709. Refreshments will be offered during the show and a dinner will follow. We Hope to see you there!

"Our Lady of Guadalupe"

St. Agnes Parish, North Huntingdon, will host the Knights of Columbus documentary "Our Lady of Guadalupe: The Miracle and The Message" **Monday, Dec. 11, at 6:45 p.m.** in Resurrection Hall.

Advent Adoration For Young Adults

St. Vincent Basilica Parish, Latrobe, will have Advent adoration for young adults **Wednesday, Dec. 13, from 6:30-8 p.m.**, including catechesis, Holy Hour and vespers.

Oblates of St. Benedict

The Oblates of St. Benedict, Latrobe Deanery, will meet **Sunday, Dec. 17, from 3-4:15 p.m.** in Brownfield 202 at Saint Vincent Seminary. Speaker will be Benedictine Brother Roman Pallone speaking on "The Eucharist in Benedictine Spirituality." 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.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers needed: Catholic Charities and pregnancy centers are in need of volunteers. Contact local centers or call Catholic Charities at 724-552-2619 for information.

St. Anne Home Selling Lottery Calendars

St. Anne Home, Greensburg, is selling lottery calendars for 2024, with chances to win all year. Cost is \$30. To purchase, call 724-837-6070.

CUSTODIAN POSITION OPEN

The Parish of SS. Simon & Jude, Blairsville, has an opening for a custodian. This position will be part-time, with **approximately 25 hours per week**. For more information or if interested in this position, please call the parish office at 724.459-7103.

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.

Support Ukrainian Refugee Fund

Support is needed for the Ukrainian Refugee Fund administered by Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg, which provides assistance to individuals and families who have been forced to leave their homelands because of war. Visit ccharitiesgreensburg.org/donate/donate-now/ to donate. More than 100 families are on a waiting list to resettle in Western Pennsylvania.

Advent Twilight Retreat

Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg, will host an Advent twilight retreat **Thursday, Dec. 14, from 7-9 p.m.** in the social hall. A virtual option is available. For information, call 724-834-3710.

Christmas Night Market and Mass

The Diocese of Greensburg Christmas Night Market is set for Saturday, **Dec. 16, from 3-8 p.m.** at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg, complete with dozens of food, craft and gift vendors. Mass with Bishop Larry J. Kulick starts at 4 p.m., followed by a talk with St. Nicholas-inspired artist Pipka Ulvilden in the chapel. Tickets are now on sale for festive beer and wine tastings and family crafting sessions that connect to our faith. For information, visit DioceseofGreensburg.org/christmas-night-market/.

Rosary recited Wednesdays in Latrobe

The Holy Family Parish, Latrobe, Rosary Society recites the rosary with Eucharistic adoration, **Wednesdays from 2-3 p.m.**

Religious Education Classes Offered

St. James Parish, New Alexandria, is holding fall/winter religious education classes Tuesday evenings for children in kindergarten through fifth grade (5:30 -7 p.m.) and sixth-eighth grade (7-8 p.m.). Cost is \$10 per child. To register, visit stjamesnewalexandria.org or call 724-668-2829

Christ Our Shepherd Center Available

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 Communion, confirmations, weddings, ordinations and funerals. For information or to reserve a date and room, visit christourshepherdcenter.org or call 724-834-7350

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

Celebration of St. Nicholas Dec. 15-16

Two special events are planned Friday and Saturday, **Dec. 15 and 16**, at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg. St. Nicholas the Gift Giver and the Gift of the Eucharist, a free immersive experience, is set for **10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Dec. 15**. The event will feature artist Pipka Ulvilden and her St. Nicholas-inspired collectibles, Christmas carols, cookies, vendors and St. Nick's workshop. Register at DioceseofGreensburg.org/EucharisticRevival. Breakfast with St. Nicholas, a faith-focused event for children and families, is set for **Dec. 16 at 9:30 a.m.** The morning will include a buffet, visits from several cultural versions of St. Nick and St. Nick's workshop; Bishop Larry J. Kulick will lead a prayer, and children will make a craft with Ulvilden. Register at DioceseofGreensburg.org/StNickBreakfast.

Advent penance services

As we journey through Advent toward the birth of our Savior, the Accentonline.org has compiled a list of activities, Advent penance services and Christmas Mass schedules throughout the Diocese of Greensburg. Information provided by parishes is available at theaccentonline.org.

Boomers and Beyond lunch

Mother of Sorrows Parish, Murrysville, will host a Boomers and Beyond lunch and learn session Tuesday, **Dec. 12, from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.** Craig Smith, executive director of Second Chance Fundraising, CORE advocate and heart transplant recipient, will speak on "The Gift of Life: The Miracle of Donation and My Personal Journey." Boomers and Beyond sessions are held on the second Tuesday of each month. Participants are encouraged to bring a "brown bag" lunch and a friend. Beverages are provided.

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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.