



**ST. MARTIN OF TOURS**

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

1 RIVERSTONE CIRCLE, NEW HOPE, PA 18938

## Second Sunday of Lent

March 16th, 2025

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### VISION STATEMENT

Saint Martin of Tours Parish is a Eucharistic Community striving to be disciples of Jesus Christ. We nurture and encourage each other and all who join us as we grow spiritually through acts of faith, hope, and love.



“The Lord God took Abram outside and said, ‘Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can. Just so,’ he added, ‘shall your descendants be.’ Abraham put his faith in the Lord, who credited it to him as an act of righteousness.”

(Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18)



# ST. MARTIN OF TOURS

# 2025 LENT

## Schedule

### **ASH WEDNESDAY**

### **PRAYER SERVICES & MASS**

7AM PRAYER SERVICE - 9AM MASS - 5PM PRAYER SERVICE - 7PM MASS

\*ASHES DISTRIBUTED AT EACH PRAYER SERVICE AND MASS

### **FISH FRY**

### **JOIN US FOR OUR LENTEN FISH FRY**

FRIDAYS (3/7, 3/21, AND 4/4) FROM 4:30-6:30PM.

CARRY OUT AVAILABLE.

\$10 INCLUDES ONE FISH FILET, FRENCH FRIES, AND COLESLAW.

### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

### **FRIDAY'S DURING LENT**

WALK WITH JESUS TO CALVARY FROM 7-7:30PM AS WE PRAY THROUGH THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS.

### **CONFESSIONS**

### **FOR YOUTH AND ADULTS**

3/31 - LENTEN CONFESSIONS FOR PREP / YOUTH AT 6PM,

ADULTS 6:30PM AND EVERY TUESDAY DURING LENT AT 6:30PM

### **LENTEN RETREAT**

### **A TIME TO SOW...**

LED BY STEPHANIE MCCARTHY FOR ALL PARISHIONERS ON SATURDAY, MARCH 22ND FROM 9AM - 12PM. THE DAY WILL START WITH MASS AT 9AM, FOLLOWED BY THE RETREAT. THE MORNING WILL INCLUDE LIGHT SNACKS. THIS IS A FREE EVENT FOR OUR WONDERFUL COMMUNITY. REGISTRATION WILL BE OPEN UNTIL FRIDAY, MARCH 10TH.



**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

is offered every Sunday from 9:30AM—10:30AM, every Monday Morning after the 9:00 AM Mass until 10:30 AM and on every First Friday from 5:00 PM to 9 PM we have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in our chapel. All are welcome to spend an hour with the Lord.

**DEVOTIONS:** Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal - before Mass on First Saturdays Sacred Heart of Jesus - before Mass on First Fridays

**PASTORAL CARE:** Please inform the parish office of anyone who might appreciate having the Eucharist brought to them or a visit from someone in the parish.

**SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK** is celebrated during the Saturday Morning Mass at 9:00 AM or by request.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** is celebrated at the convenience of the family. There is the opportunity to celebrate within the Sunday Liturgy with the parish or after Masses on the weekend. Please contact the parish office to arrange for Baptism and for our Pre-Jordan Program.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** is celebrated prior to the Masses each weekend, as a parish at our Parish Penance Services or by appointment.

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE** arrangements need to be made at least six months in advance of the date of the wedding. Please call the parish office for an appointment to arrange your wedding.

**LETTERS OF ELIGIBILITY:** Letters of Eligibility to be godparents or sponsors can be obtained at the parish office. Please call the parish office prior to coming to get the Letter of Eligibility.

**Weekday Mass Schedule**

9:00am - Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays

7:00pm - Tuesdays

No Mass on Thursdays

**Weekend Mass Schedule**

9:00am - Saturdays

5:30pm - Saturday Vigil

8:30am & 11:00am - Sundays

**PARISH REGISTRATION:** New Members are welcome to register at your convenience. Please call the parish office to set up a time to register.

**PARISH MINISTRIES****Liturgical**

Adult Choir

Altar Servers

Cantors

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

Greeters

Lectors

Pro-Life

Sacred Environment Committee

Ushers

Youth Band

**Faith Formation**

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Communication Ministry

Men's Ministry

Pre-Jordan Program

PREP (Parish Religious Education Program)

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Sacramental Preparation Programs

Lenten Longings

Vacation Bible School

**Service**

Bereavement Group

Caring for Friends

Community Cafe

Gigi Ministry

HOPE (Helping Other People Everyday)

Hospitality Ministry

Legacy of Life Ministry

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service

Pen Pal Prison Ministry

St. Martin's Cloak

UMC Community Kitchen

Veteran's Ministry

**Parish Leadership**

Pastoral Leadership Council

Finance Leadership Council

Dear Parishioners,



In our first reading we hear the call of Abram by God to follow Him in a new life. This story many times and for many of us it gives us pause to think that someone would trust a God he did not know and pack up his family and follow the Lord to a new land for a new life. Abram without question follow the Lord’s command with no directions or help.

Because of his faith, God rewarded him with a new life, a wife, many children, flocks of animals, a powerful relationship with God and a name change to “Abraham”.

This calling we also received at our Baptism and we have been called as Abram was. To live faithful with our God and grow in a strong relationship with God. Lent is a good time for us to pause to ask ourselves how strong that relationship is.

Sincerely in the Lord,  
Father Kindon

**SCRIPTURE READINGS  
FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 16, 2025**

**Monday** Dn 9:4b-10 Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 Lk 6:36-38  
**Tuesday** Is 1:10, 16-20 Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 Mt 23:1-12  
**Wednesday** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22 Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a  
**Thursday** Jer 17:5-10 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 Lk 16:19-31  
**Friday** Gen 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  
**Sunday** Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15 Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11. 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12 Lk 13:1-9

Use the website below to hear the readings of the day: <https://bible.usccb.org/>

**MASS INTENTIONS & EVENTS FOR  
THE WEEK OF MAR 16, 2025**

(Sat. AM Masses: Anointing of the Sick During, Rosary Prayed After)

<p>Saturday, March 15</p>	<p>9:00am – Mass for Concetta Hauf requested by Christina &amp; Robert Cobin</p> <p>5:30pm – Mass for Sue Hasher requested by the Hasher family</p>
<p>Sunday, March 16 <i>Second Sunday of Lent</i></p>	<p>8:30am – Mass for Julianna OBrien requested by Pat &amp; Joanne OBrien</p> <p>11:00am – Mass for Donna Morello requested by St. Martin Choir</p>
<p>Monday, March 17</p>	<p>9:00am – Mass for Terrence O’Laughlin requested by Kathy &amp; Bill Ross</p>
<p>Tuesday, March 18</p>	<p>7:00pm – Mass for Mary Ann Turnbull requested by Bridgid, Katie, and Kevin Greed</p>
<p>Wednesday, March 19 <i>St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i></p>	<p>9:00am – Mass for Bob &amp; Jean Herterich requested by the Silidker-Hempel Family</p>
<p>Thursday, March 20</p>	<p><i>No Mass</i></p>
<p>Friday, March 21</p>	<p>9:00am – Mass for John Perkins requested by the Shearer Family</p> <p>7:00pm – Stations of the Cross</p>
<p>Saturday, March 22</p>	<p>9:00am – Mass for Mark Gentile requested by the Vath Family</p> <p>5:30pm – Mass for Jim Schram requested by Lee Schram</p>
<p>Sunday, March 23 <i>Third Sunday of Lent</i></p>	<p>8:30am – Mass for Elsie Di Tori requested by the Grolnicks Family</p> <p>11:00am – Mass for Stephen Armento requested by the Armento Family</p>



The Sanctuary Lamp is lit this week in remembrance of Rita Higgins. May their soul, and all the souls of the faithfully departed, find eternal peace. Amen.



"But He said to me, My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me."

2 Corinthians 12:9

Christine Watkins, [A Spiritual Retreat for Heaven's Help](#)

Dear Lord,

"You see and applaud us when we pick up our crosses and conquer our weaknesses, and You catch us when we fall while trying. You see that we want to love You completely, but our frailness doesn't always allow us to express this love to You, as we should. You help us gather our shattered crosses and try again.

It is when we are trying to love You that we shine in Your eyes.

It is when we are trying to love You that You turn our frailty into strength. It is when we are trying to love You that You stand close by our side, offering Your shoulder to lean on each day. You teach us that we only fail if we fail to try.

Lord, teach us to self-lessly approach our lives. Show us how to selflessly approach the world. In this selfless, search we will find You, Lord. Amen"

HAPPY  
*Birthday*

To our parishioners  
celebrating this week!  
Wishing you the very  
best of days! May God  
bless you abundantly  
this year!

*Please Pray for the Sick*

**"The bed of the sick is an altar of sacrifice"**

**~St Francis De Sales~**

James Gill, Danny Gimpel, Patrick Godown, Henry Hagarty, James Hall, Paul Halpine, Fred Hankinson, Kellar Harris, Cindy Herr, Jim Hutelmyer, Mary Kraynik, Kendall Lambert, Rachael Lawless, Hazel Mack, Michael MacNaughton, Michael Mai, Rick Mayberry, Lucille McKee, Richard Meintel, Donald Melhick, Jack Mellon, John and Vickie Molar, Kamil Moore, Peggy O'Neil, John Rutkowski, Azlyn Sebold, Jerry Siano, Aryan Patrick Sharma, Elizabeth Simon, Michael Smith, Suzanne Yvette Thomas, Kathleen Troband, Richard Vander Mooren, Jim Wilson, Andrew Wood, Paul Wrenke, Michaela Wyatt, John Barbieri, Colin Somerville, Alexandra Taurino, Grey Warner, Sebastian Soccoa, Aaron Cash Jenkins, Frank Levy, Chris Hirshkind, Jonathan Perez, Suzanne Joyner, Anna Verganelakis, Martin Levy, Meveral Rickert, Nolan Matthews, Barbara Wilson, Barry Jordan, Shirley Whelan, Al Scalone, Nolan Curran, Bryan Rosica, Vicki Erdreich, Kathleen Banning, Laura Badolato, Christy Badolato, Jo Badolato, Riley Bivins, Michael McConaghy, Jade Kellogg, Jaclyn Dunlap, Frank Sexton, Barbra DiBernardo, Terry O'Laughlin, Maureen McMahon, Micky DiMartino, Dorothea Sitkuz, Erica Guzman, Robert L. Delia, Marie Balfor, Phillip "Skip" Metz, Clair Fredrick, John Ranocchia, Robert Morton, Michael Glessner, Mary Altomare, Viv Thompson, Doris Dedrick, Arleen Popvich, John Altomare, John Michael Pasquale, Phil Altomare Sr., Larry Mack, Caroline Wright, Jana Wright Combs, & Emily Sippel.



**LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEKEND OF  
03/23/2025**

**5:30 PM Mass**

**Celebrant:** Fr. Kindon **Preaching:** Fr. Kindon  
**Lectors:** Denise Hayes & Sara Lavenduski  
**Extraordinary Ministers:** Kristine Castellano, Valerie Goodyear, Beth Hasher, Michael Marano, Suzanne Maxian, Timothy Vesling  
**Altar Servers:** Thomas Davis, Zachary McNabb, John Rutkowski  
**Cantor:** Bruce Rickert  
**Accompanist:** Teresa Newman

**8:30 AM Mass**

**Celebrant:** Msgr. Bolger **Preaching:** Msgr. Bolger  
**Lectors:** Ruth Durnin & Dan Lawlor  
**Extraordinary Ministers:** Julia Cimbalista, Ruth Durnin, Frank Kerns, Geraldine Lawlor, Linda Ouimet, David Waterman  
**Altar Servers:** Jose Balderas  
**Cantor:** Diane Dooly  
**Accompanist:** Anne Orth

**11:00 AM Mass**

**Celebrant:** Fr. Kindon **Preaching:** Fr. Kindon  
**Lectors:** Gregory Macomber & Millie Martin  
**Extraordinary Ministers:** Rose Cipriano, Gregory Macomber, Mary Jean Massimino, Terri Mockaitis, Val Shalbrack, Tim Shalbrack  
**Altar Servers:** Joshua Brinkley, Emilia De Almo, Katharine Gibson  
**Cantor:** Thomas Bateman  
**Accompanist:** Thomas Bateman

**ST. MARTIN OF TOURS  
PARISH STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM  
"GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING" TITHING FOR WEEKEND OF  
March 9, 2025**

Sunday Collection	\$11,976.00
Year to Date 2024-2025 *	\$434,134.79
Last Year This Week	\$7,697.00
Year to Date 2023-2024	\$462,830.93
Weekly Increase	\$4,279.00
St. Martin's Cloak (Poor Box)	\$195.00

**5% Of this week's collection will  
be given to DVIC**

**Whether you're attending Mass in-person or online,  
contributions can be given online using [Parish Giving](#) for  
your convenience.**



Our goal set by the archdiocese is \$80,000

Dear St. Martin's Parishioners,



We thank our parishioners who have prayed for our parish children as they participated in the retreat in preparation for the Sacrament of the Eucharist. We all know how important this sacrament is for our growth in our relationship with the Lord. The children are preparing to commit themselves and their families committing with them to faithfully receive the Eucharist at Mass on the weekends. Thank you parents for your faithfulness in bringing your children to Mass to receive Jesus.





Parish Religious Education Program

2025-2026

**PREP REGISTRATION OPENS**

**3/19/25**

An email will be sent out with registration information. Contact Alex Bennett with any questions (abennett@stmartinoftours.org)

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Men's Ministry

That man is You! Series runs every Tuesday evening following 7pm mass for 1 hour. Contact Alex Bennett for more information.

(abennett@stmartinoftours.org)



On the second Tuesday of each month, our parish hosts a bereavement group. All are welcome to attend. Group starts at 6:00pm in the gathering area. The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 8, 2025.



Caring for Friends™

Caring for Friends delivers meals and friendship to seniors & isolated individuals throughout the greater Philadelphia area. This work is driven by our mission to alleviate hunger and loneliness for those in need. The monthly Caring for Friends service at Saint Martin of Tours has resumed, taking place at 6:30pm in the Parish Life Center. Join us for the next service on Wednesday, March 26, 2025.

We need volunteers to assist with emptying the freezers and delivering the Caring for Friends meals to Northeast Philadelphia.

Please volunteer to make one meal per week, per family.

## Community Cafe

Our monthly Community Cafe will be held in the Parish Life Center Cafeteria. For those who'd like to help, we meet at 9:30am to prepare, serve and clean-up after the event. For those who'd just like to join for a delicious, free lunch, Cafe hours are 11:30am to 1pm. Come enjoy the lively, upbeat fellowship of our Community Café, which has been serving the local community for over 15 years now!

The next luncheon will be Saturday, March 29th, 2025.

Saint Martin of Tours  
PARISH LIFE CENTER



## Hospitality Ministry

Are you passionate about creating warm, welcoming environments and connecting with others?

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### Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson—*For March 9th*

So, Mary says to Megan as Bob says to Bill after Megan and Bill have been dieting: “Boy you sure look good! What kind of plan have you been on?” It’s a natural reaction to seeing a real transformation in their skinnier friends. But have you ever noticed that very often the non-dieting person offers a caution: “Now don’t lose any more”? I think that warning has roots in jealousy.

We must keep in mind, for the gospel’s sake, that there is a real difference between *transformation* and *transfiguration*. We heard about the latter this weekend. What St. Luke recounts for us was a truly marvelous incident. For good reason, Jesus let some of His glory shine through His glorified body. Peter, James and John get to witness it. So, we have one trio gazing in wonder at another one: Our Lord with Moses and Elijah.

We naturally must wonder what this incident means for us here and now. For one thing, we get proof that heaven exists. The presence of the Holy Trinity by way of the Father’s voice, and the cloud signifying the presence of the Holy Spirit tells us that there is a world beyond this one. St. Paul, in the Second Reading, tells us that’s where we are destined to dwell someday if we live as we ought.

A further meaning emerges for us in this scene, which is something we tend to forget: that Jesus really is God. That everything He said or did while here on earth is always valid. So, when we tend to downgrade His commands to be mere suggestions, for instance on any given Sunday, we are defying God.

Be careful not to relegate Jesus to the status of being just “a good guy.” Or just an historical figure totally irrelevant in a world of cyberspace and “AI.” He is the same yesterday, today and always.

Another plus derived from this story is the encouragement we can derive about the Lenten sacrifices we have decided to make. We do it all for God. We do it to honor Him for all He does for us.

One wise man observed the situation this way: “The distance from earth to heaven is not so much a matter of altitude as it is attitude.”

God love you and give you His peace.



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