

Saint Martin of Tours

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WELCOME

St. Martin of Tours is a continuation of the life of Christ, in the lives of our parish members and of our visitors as well.

St. Martin of Tours was founded in 1911. For a complete history of our parish, consult our web site.

As you join our community for the Eucharist this Sunday, may the Lord's grace and peace remain with you, this week and always.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Strengthened by Jesus in the celebration of the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist, and inspired by the Word of God, we gratefully share our time, talent and treasure. We endeavor to reach out to all members of our parish and the larger community through faith formation, the ministry of our school, fellowship and works of charity. As a Roman Catholic parish within the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, this vision guides our ministry and service in the Cheviot/Western Hills community.

PHONE NUMBERS

Parish Office 661-2000
School Office 661-7609
www.saintmartin.org

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:00, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m.

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

Consult the schedule
inside bulletin

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, Wednesday & Friday
6:30 a.m.
Tuesday & Thursday
8:00 a.m.

BINGO

Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Monday 5:00 p.m.

TOUR TALK DEADLINE

10th of each month

SACRAMENTS

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:30-4:30 p.m.

HOLY ORDERS

Call our Parish Office to explore the possibility of a vocation to the Ordained Priesthood, Diaconate, or Vowed Religious Life for Women and Men.

MATRIMONY

Engaged couples should contact our Parish Office at least six months in advance of desired date to make an appointment with a priest. Date will only be set after this interview. Marriage Preparation Program is a prerequisite.

BAPTISM

Arrangements for Pre-Baptismal Program should be made before the birth of your baby or shortly thereafter. Contact our Parish Office for details.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please notify our Parish Office of illnesses or hospitalizations so that we may visit you.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

President: Debbie Weitz 661-8256
Vice-President: Eileen Duffy 481-6732

NEW PARISHIONERS

Interested in becoming a member of our parish family? Please contact our Parish Office to register.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Please notify our Parish Office if you have had a change of address or phone number, or if a member of your family has gone into a nursing facility.

BEQUESTS: A LEGACY OF FAITH

By naming St. Martin of Tours in your will, you can bequeath to a new generation a legacy of faith and gain for yourself the blessing and personal satisfaction of knowing that your gift will help to further the work of Our Lord Jesus Christ. For more information, please call our Parish Office.

ST. MARTIN OF TOURS CHURCH



MONDAY, December 31, 2018—Octave of Christmas

8:00 a.m. Celebrants Intention
 5:00 p.m. Wilma Barnell

TUESDAY, January 1, 2019—Solemnity of Mary

9:00 a.m. Cletus & Janet Frey
 11:30 a.m. JoAnn Ernst

WEDNESDAY, January 2, 2019—Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

8:00 a.m. Lorrie Totorio

THURSDAY, January 3, 2019—Christmas Weekday

8:00 a.m. Dorothy Reupert

FRIDAY, January 4, 2019—St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

8:00 a.m. Bob Gervers

SATURDAY, January 5, 2019—St. John Neumann

5:00 p.m. Janet Frey

SUNDAY, January 6, 2019—Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 a.m. Mass for the Parish
 9:30 a.m. Memorial Mass Fund
 11:30 a.m. Dorothy Reupert

December 31 & January 1		
Mass	Servers	Lectors
December 31 5:00 p.m.	Arnold Tepe	Sr. Nancy
January 1 9:30 a.m.	Lou Freese Olivia Anderson	Margie Hammitt
January 1 11:30 a.m.	Shayna Gaskins Ava Gaskins	Lou Winston

MASS SERVERS:

8:00 a.m. Thursday, January 3

Avery Junker, Hailey Junker

Saturday & Sunday, January 5 & 6

Mass	Servers	Lectors
5:00 p.m.	Annaselena Hess Isabell Hess	Bob Hamman
8:00 a.m.	Debbie Kleisinger Olivia Rider	Eileen Duffy
9:30 a.m.	Nathan Fantetti Rosa Fantetti Rebecca Fantetti	Brian Heinz
11:30 a.m.	Lauri Huff Carson Braun	Deborah McGill

In observance of New Year's Day the Parish Office will close at 12:00 Noon on Monday, December 31 & will be closed all day on Tuesday, January 1, 2019.



Feast of The Holy Family:

Mary, Joseph, and Jesus are a faithful Jewish family. They are participating in the annual pilgrimage to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover. On the journey home, Mary and Joseph could not find Jesus. When Jesus is found, he is seated in the Temple in the midst of the Jewish teachers who were amazed at his knowledge and answers to their questions. Jesus was surprised by his parents' concern and commented only that he was doing the work of his Father. Today we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family. We honor the Holy Family, as they are a model for us as Christian families. A family bound together in mutual love, harmony, and care for one another.

Prayer Moment:

Lord Jesus, where there is division, bring healing and restoration. Where there is strife, bring peace and forgiveness. May all families and nations on the earth find peace, harmony, and unity in you.

Vocation View:

Jesus grew in wisdom, age, and grace in the midst of his family. How is your family growing in the midst of these challenging times? Seek out God's grace.

Readings for the Week

Monday, December 31	1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18
Tuesday, January 1	Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Wednesday, January 2	1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28
Thursday, January 3	1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Jn 1:29-34
Friday, January 4	1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42
Saturday, January 5	1 Jn 3:11-21/Jn 1:43-51
Sunday, January 6	Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a,5-6/Mt 2:1-12

CHURCH COLLECTION:

Preserving Our Treasures	\$36,899.00
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Stock Donations: Donations of stocks to St. Martin of Tours Church will be processed through St. Martin of Tours individual custodial account at Fifth Third Bank. Please contact Lois Sundrup for specific information and delivery instructions.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH:

Remember in your prayers those who are in nursing homes, sick at home, and all who have received prayer blankets.

If you know of anyone who can benefit from a PRAYER BLANKET, please call the parish office at 661-2000, to remind those who need it that the people of St. Martin's are praying for their physical, mental and spiritual health.

In April, 2003, new national hospital-patient privacy laws were enacted. Therefore, many hospitals will not notify St. Martin's of your admission. **If you would like someone from St. Martin's to visit you in the hospital, please call the Parish Office to notify us.**



Welcome: These days of Christmas and New Year's are times of homecoming and that is especially true for our parish community. In

that spirit, we extend a warm welcome to all those who are joining our parish family for our liturgies during this Christmas season. We are delighted that you are with us for these wonderful days of celebration and please know that you are always welcome here at St. Martin. Also, we are happy to welcome home all of our college students who are on their Christmas break and family members who are visiting from out of town.

Celebrating the Bicentennial: This year of 2018 has been a time of celebration and thanksgiving for our city of Cheviot as we observed the Bicentennial of our founding in 1818. We began the festivities on January 6 (the feast of the Epiphany and the 12th day of Christmas) with a spectacular fireworks display at the Fieldhouse. We will conclude the Bicentennial this Sunday, December 30 (the feast of the Holy Family) with another evening of fireworks beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Fieldhouse. How appropriate that the year has been bracketed by two religious celebrations in our liturgical calendar. The Epiphany reminds us of the many ways that Gods has shown forth His love and goodness to our city over a span of two hundred years and the Holy Family feast reflects the many families who have lived here during that time and the good community spirit that has been fostered. May God continue to bless our City of Cheviot!

365 Days: On the final days of the year, I often find myself looking back in my appointment book and reviewing and recalling many of the events and people that were part of the year that is concluding. It always reminds me too of our parishioners and staff who "work behind the scenes" week after week to enhance the ministry of our parish. So many people give so generously of their time, talent and resources to make the Lord's goodness and love present in our faith community. I am thankful to God for each and every one of you.

World Day of Peace: For many years, New Year's Day has been proclaimed as a Day of Prayer for World Peace. Pope Francis has continued that tradition once again for 2019. On the church calendar, January 1st is also observed as the Solemnity of Mary. What a positive and prayerful way to begin the New Year by asking Mary's intercession for the gift of world peace and for peace in our community and in our hearts.

Feast of the Holy Family: May this Feast of the Holy Family help all of us to rededicate our family life around Jesus and His gospel teachings. Praying and attending Mass together as a family not only gives our family life a very firm foundation, but also helps us week after week to recognize what is really important in life, namely our relationship with God and reflective of that, our relationship with each other. Several years ago, Pope Francis composed the following prayer.

Prayer to the Holy Family

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

In you we contemplate the splendor of true love,
to you we turn with trust.

Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too
may be places of communion and prayer,
authentic schools of the Gospel, and small domestic Churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again
experience violence, rejection, and division.

May all who have been hurt or scandalized
find ready comfort and healing.

Holy Family of Nazareth, make us once more
mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family,
and its beauty in God's plan.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, graciously hear our prayer.

Amen

May God bless and surround you and your family with peace and all good things during the new year of 2019.

Fr. Terry

Masses for new Years

December 31

5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

January 1

9:30 a.m. Mass

11:30 a.m. Mass

Calling St. Martin of Tours Adults and Youth: As we prepare for the coming of the New Year, we wish to extend an invitation to both our adults and youth (in grades five and up) to the special ministry of altar serving. The Mass times in which we seek your kind assistance include Saturdays at 5:00 p.m. and Sundays at 8:00 a.m. (servers are typically scheduled once a month). For further insight into what serving at Mass entails, check out the link to our training tutorial <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Scs0koQR6ro>. If interested call the parish office at 661-2000. We look forward to hearing from you!

The Saturday 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Martin's is in need of additional Eucharistic Ministers. You are already at Mass anyway could you please consider becoming a Eucharist Minister. In most cases, you will only be scheduled twice a month to distribute at Mass. If you'd like to volunteer, please contact Joan at 661-4255 for more information. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

The St. Martin Book Discussion Group is currently reading *Skipping Christmas* by John Grisham. We will meet to discuss this book on Tuesday, January 15, 2019 at 6:45 pm in the Red School Building. The book is available at the public library. Please consider joining us - we welcome new readers. Contact Eileen Duffy (481-6732 or duffyey@aol.com) with any questions.

Thank You to the following parishioners who have made a donation to St. Martin's Christmas Flower Fund.

In Memory of:

From:

Josephine & Rosario Fariello	Margaret Fariello
Laverne Postel	Deborah Kleisinger
John Reed	
Louis & Mildred Freese	
Edward & Margaret Ehrhard	
Margit Masur	
Bobbie Timmers	
Mary Ann Haap	Michael Haap
Jim Sr., Andy, Doug, & Kevin	Sunderhaus Family
Sunderhaus	
Harold & Jane Grieco	Carol & Todd Grieco
Don & Jean Siener	Carol & Todd Grieco
Eben & Elsie Vogt	George & Carol Dragan
George & Hilda Dragan	George & Carol Dragan
Doherty & Berkemeyer Families	
Andras Csicsai	Eva Csicsai & Family
Rita Niceley	
Don & Wilma Barnell	Barnell Family
Bob Davis	
Paul & Rosemary Tepe	Gilbert Tepe
Paul Jr. Tepe	Gilbert Tepe
Elaine Tepe	Brenda Tepe
Irene & Harold Matthuos	Brenda Tepe
Scott & Dan Wingate	Byrd Family
Mary Blanche Wartman	
Brian Schira	
Rich & Mattie Tobergte	R.C. Tobergte
Pat McGeever	Patricia McGeever

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS		
Date/Time	Event	Place
Monday December 31, 2018		
NO RCIA		
Tuesday, January 1, 2019		
Parish Office Closed		
Wednesday, January 2, 2019		
	BINGO	Fr. Mick Hall
Thursday, January 3, 2019		
6:30 p.m.	PTO	Red School
7:00 p.m.	Baptism Class	Red School
7:30 p.m.	Education	Red School

Play St. Martin's BINGO on Wednesday evenings in Fr. Mick Hall. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. games begin at 7:00 p.m.

Bingo provides a substantial amount of financial assistance to the parish. Without bingo, we would have to raise school tuition considerably.

PLEASE schedule your night to work. Contact Becky Fellerman at beckyfellerman@yahoo.com or 389-0108.

If you are scheduled to work at bingo, please arrive by **6:00 p.m.**

We need brown paper grocery bags for Bingo. Please drop bags off at the Parish Office. Thank You!

ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS...

A requirement from **THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CINCINNATI** The **Required VIRTUS® Monthly Continuing Education Bulletins** are posted around the first week of each month. You do not need an email reminder from VIRTUS® to read your monthly Bulletin. Set up a monthly reminder to log in to VIRTUS® and click the VIRTUS® Training tab to view the monthly VIRTUS® Bulletin and answer the question. If you **fall three VIRTUS Bulletins behind** you **WILL BE MADE INACTIVE.**

Reminder to anyone who coaches, chaperones, volunteers or has any contact in any capacity with the children at St. Martin: BEFORE you can begin volunteering, **The Archdiocese of Cincinnati is REQUIRING** that all volunteers and staff who work with children must **1) attend a VIRTUS® Program** and **2) Beginning January 1, 2014, volunteers do not need to be fingerprinted, BUT they MUST do a background check with Selection.com from within their VIRTUS account.** The background check will be required for anyone **who has not had fingerprints or had a background check done in the last five years.** **GO ONLINE TO YOUR VIRTUS ACCOUNT TO DO THE BACKGROUND CHECK THROUGH SELECTION.COM** (the link is found in the Toolbox Tab of your VIRTUS page). In order to do the background check through Selection.com, please call the parish office for a Fastrax Token worth \$25.00.

TO MAKE ONLINE DONATIONS OR PAY TUITION to St. Martin of Tours by credit card, go to saintmartin.org and click the "Give Online with WeShare" icon at the bottom of the home page.

- 1) Select the type of contribution.
- 2) Select Recurring or One time donation.
- 3) Select Complete and confirm your information

Family Corner

Marriage Moment

Jan. 1 is the feast of Mary, the Mother of God. In these days of the "Me Too" movement, regaining respect for women is getting a lot of attention. This is good, but healthy marriages already exhibit this. Husbands, tomorrow honor your wife's unconditional "yes" to love you. The love will be returned to you in time.

Parenting Pointer

December 30 is the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Often this feast gets lost amidst the hustle of Christmas. Take 5 minutes today to share with your family at least one thing that makes your family holy. Hint: It need not be about saying prayers; it could be examples of selflessness.

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St Martin's PRAYER FOR PEACE is held every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in church. Please consider coming to pray for peace in the world and for our brave soldiers around the world. All are welcome.

If you have a change of address or phone number, please call the Parish Office at 661-2000. Also, if you are new to the parish please call the parish office to register.

St. Martin Prayer Chain-Let's Pray Together:

In every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. (Philippians 4:6-7)

If you need prayers St. Martin's Prayer Chain will join you in prayer, just call Carol (451-8566) or Peg (922-7575) and leave the first name or initial of the person needing our prayer and why.

We also send "Thank you, God".

La Salle Drama Presents PB&J Theater: Into the Woods JR a fun, hour-long fairytale musical with lunch, games and door prizes. Great fun for young audiences. ALL FOR \$9.00!! (Adults & Children). January 12 at 3:00 pm and January 13 at 3:00 pm. Tickets are available online at www.lasallehs.net/drama.

Join the St. Joseph Church 5200 Club. Chances are \$10.00 each or 6 for \$50.00. You will have an opportunity to win \$100.00 a week for 52 weeks. The winner of the \$100.00 will be drawn after the 8:00 A.M. Mass every Monday (Holiday Mondays it will be drawn on Tuesday). First Drawing will be held Monday, January 7, 2019. The last drawing will be on Monday, December 30, 2019. If you want more than one ticket write all names and info on a separate paper, include your check payable to St. Joseph Church, and mail to: 25 E Harrison Ave. North Bend, OH 45052. If you should have any questions, please contact the parish office at 941-3661.

Is Your Marriage in Need of Help? Are you already separated or divorced or even thinking about it? Retrouvaille offers hope for a better relationship and can help get you marriage back on track. It can help you learn the tools of healthy communication build intimacy and healing. The next Tri-Sate weekend is January 11-13, 2019. For information contact www.cincyretrovaille.org, www.retrovaille.org, or call 456-5413.