

**Pope Martin I** was Pope from July 21, 649 to September 16, 655. He was born near Todi, Umbria, in the place now named after him, Pian di San Martino. He succeeded Pope Theodore I. He was the only Pope during the Byzantine Papacy whose election was not approved by an “Iussio” from Constantinople. He also was abducted by Emperor Constans II, and died in the Crimean Peninsula. He is considered a martyr for this reason. He had previously acted as Papal Apocrisiarius or Legate, at Constantinople. He also was held in high esteem for his learning and virtue.

One of his first official acts was to summon the Lateran Council of 649 to deal with the Monothelites, whom the Church considered heretical. The Council met in the Church of St. John Lateran, and was attended by 105 Bishops. In more than twenty canons, they condemned Monothelitism, its authors, and the writings by which Monothelitism had been promulgated. In this condemnation – individuals were singled out for their errors. Pope Martin was very energetic in publishing the decrees of the Lateran Council of 649 in an Encyclical, and Constans replied by sending his Governor in Italy to arrest the Pope should he persist in this line of conduct and send Martin as a Prisoner to Rome of Constantinople.

These orders were found impossible to carry out for a considerable amount of time, but finally, Martin was arrested in the Lateran on June 17, 653, along with Maximus the Confessor. He was hurried out Rome and was taken to Constantinople. After suffering an exhausting imprisonment and many alleged public indignities, he was ultimately banished to Chersonesos, a present day city in southern Ukraine. He arrived there on May 15, 655 and died on September 16<sup>th</sup> of that same year.

#### Words attributed to St. Martin after he was banished to Chersonesos

*It is now forty-seven days since I have been permitted to wash myself either in cold or warm water. I am quite wasted and chilled, and have had no respite either upon sea or land from the flux which I suffer. My body is broken and spent, and, when I would take any nourishment, I want such kind of food as is necessary to support me; and have a perfect aversion and loathing to what I have. But I hope that God, who knows all things, when he shall have taken me out of this world, will bring my persecutors to repentance. ~Words attributed to Saint Martin in Butler’s Lives of the Saints*

#### This Week

- † Saturday, April 11: Vigil Mass 5:30PM; Int. For all our parishioners
- † Sunday, April 12: Divine Mercy Sunday; Mass 9:00AM; +Patricia Resnik, Req by: Sally Hildebrand
- † Tuesday, April 14: NO MASS. Parking lot repairs
- † Wednesday, April 15: Mass 9:00AM; Int. For all priests and deacons and all who spread the word of the Lord.
- † Thursday, April 16: Mass 9:00AM; Int. For Pope Leo XIV and all who defend our faith.
- † Friday, April 17: Eucharistic Adoration 8:30AM, Mass 9:00AM; Int. For all the poor and hungry and those who work to feed them.
- † Saturday, April 18: Confession 4:30PM to 5:15PM, Mass 5:30PM; Int. For all our Parishioners.
- † Sunday, April 19: The Third Sunday of Easter; Mass 9:00AM; Int. For peace, justice and the protection of life.

Saturday April 18, 2026

Reader: Ina Morell

Eucharistic Ministers: Chester McClellan & Terry Parsons

Sunday April 19, 2026

Readers: Randy & Sherry Farkosh

Eucharistic Ministers: Chester McClellan & Sherry Farkosh

Hospitality: Gladys Escalona Pierson

Offertory/Attendance

Holy Thursday \$539 Attendance 41

Good Friday/Holy Land \$253 Attendance 35

Easter \$3403.50 Attendance 175

**Prayer List :** Jim Hildebrand, Mary Beth Hixon, Sheila Giovinazzo, Gabe Maurer, Father Pen's brother, Riley Knotts, David Shockey, Linda Kemenah, Bobby Lucas, Peyton Kegley, Ina Morrell, Richard & Kate Douglas, Sharyn Sims, Emily, Bobbie Chubb, Jim Hormsdorpher, Michael Kiser, Keaton Patterson, Norma Maurer, Gordon Maurer, Tanya Ball, Malori Bailes, Katie Romeo, Josie Morris, Shirley Livingston, Debbie Gump, R.R., Gale Tribbett, Barb White, Brittany Cottrell, Debbie Mullins, Beverlee Wilson, Billy Cox, Brian Cox, Melissa Holsinger, Allie Romeo, Ruth Sergeant, Pam Casto, Debbie Romeo, Millie Jaggard, Jim Jaggard, Roberta Striga, Carol Woody, Ralph Parsons, Terry Parsons, Toni Burks, Lois Shreve, Holly McCoy, Benny Hunt, Vanessa Sawyer, Breanna Sawyer, Kevin Donahue, Robert Patterson, Dr. Alberto A. Fernandez, David Harris, Vincent Vespucci, Jason Price, Rick Petry, Baylen Evans, Malinda McNabb, Larry Vansickle, Richard Buckley, Allie Kramer, Vince Jiovannazzo, Gina Daviau, Michael Hughes, Devin Colahan, Bryan Thompson, Jeananne Tribbet, Luke Liggett, Betty Collins, Stephanie Milikaia, George Malone, Steve Sommerville, Axel, Devin Colahan, Lois Rafferty, Jacob Morton, TC Johnson, Dax Austin, Gary Gwisdalla, Inkey Arose, George Puskas, Jackson Parker, Amanda Taylor, Sierra Butler, Susan Johnson, Angela Kelly, Steve Hunt, Mika Martin, Martha Moran, Charles and Gail Parks, Melanie Johnson, Marife Daily, Kitty Deschappelles, Fanie Vannest, Steve & Vida Perrine, Julian Perrine, Cindy Crocket, Barbara Rutan, and all the sick of our parish, and all the Poor Souls in Purgatory.

**April Birthdays:** Julie Parks 4/8; Randy Heatherington 4/11; Eric Hupp 4/13; Sue Cross 4/15; John Butler 4/16; Jerry Engle 4/17; Marife Daily 4/20; Frank Nester 4/20; Mitch Marra 4/20; Mark Gorman 4/23; Vida Perrine 4/28; Jayme Hill 4/28; Gail Tribett 4/30.

**April Anniversaries:** None listed

**Intention for Month of April:** For priests in crisis. Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

**Pope Leo XIV@Pontifax:** There is no human experience that God does not redeem. When lived in union with the passion of the Lord, even suffering can become a path to holiness. The grace that converts and transforms life strengthens us in every trial. It does not point us towards a distant ideal, but towards the encounter with God, who became man out of love

### Announcements

- If you want to receive Holy Communion kneeling down, please sit in the front pew.
- The Office will be open on Tuesday and Friday, April 14 & 17 this week.
- Work on the parking lot will be taking place on Monday and Tuesday, April 13&14. You will have to park on Crooks Avenue for any meetings or events on those days.
- Thank you to the Ladies Guild for decorating,
- cooking and coordinating for the Holy Week luncheons. Thanks also to the Knights for providing the drinks. A special thanks to Jenny for being the coordinator with the JCMA and the other churches involved. Thank you to all the churches who participated in the services and luncheons.

- Lector, Eucharistic Minister, hospitality and lawn mowing schedules are in the vestibule in an envelope on the bulletin board. Please pick up your copy.
- The Ladies Guild will meet this Sunday, April 12 after Mass.
- The Knights of Columbus will meet on Monday April 13 with Rosary at 6:30pm followed by their meeting.
- The Santo Nino Novena begins on Saturday, April 18 and ends with the celebration on Sunday, April 26 with Mass at 11:15AM at St. Matthew followed by the luncheon.
- The Finance Council will meet on Tuesday, April 21 at 6:30PM.
- Look around and notice the beautiful religious art that has been added to the church and parish hall. If you would like to contribute to this ongoing project make your donation with ART in the check memo or envelope and we will happily credit your contribution and continue to add to our collection.
- On Saturday, May 2 and Sunday, May 3 a group will be selling olivewood carvings from the Holy Land after both masses.
- On Saturday, May 9 at 3:00PM Sacred Heart will have a Pampered Chef party. This will be a great time for shopping fun & fellowship and the opportunity to get some basic kitchen utensils for the SH kitchen. Online orders will also be possible. More information later.
- Michael Sayre is planning to attend the 2026 Boy Scout National Jamboree in July. The two week camping experience is attended by Scouts from all over the country. The cost is \$1950. Michael wants to raise part of the money himself to pay for his trip. He will do odd jobs around the county. Call him at 304-440-0100 or Catherine Sayre at 304-512-9151.
- Have you experienced the loss of a loved one? Please join Father Roy and Deacon John for a five week bereavement experience called "Grieving with Great Hope". Join with others who have suffered loss as we learn together in the love of Christ how to grieve with great hope. Sign up sheet and more information in the vestibule.
- The Knights and Ladies Guild will pray the Rosary every Wednesday at 6:00PM. All are welcome to come and join in prayer.
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To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact one of the bishop's designees at 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880: Sister Ellen Dunn, ext. 264; Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Mr. Tim Bishop, ext. 353; Fr. Dennis Schuelkens, ext. 270 or call the Office of Safe Environment at 304.230.1504