March 13, 2016

Regional Lenten Penance Services

In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, all are encouraged to celebrate God’s tender mercy and forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Wednesday, March 16
St. Joseph
New Kensington, PA
7:00 PM

Thursday, March 17
St. James
Apollo, PA
7:00 PM

Saturday, March 19
St. Margaret Mary
Lower Burrell, PA
1:00 PM

Monday, March 21
St. Gertrude
Vandergrift, PA
7:00 PM
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Sacramental and Pastoral Life

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)
Contact Gabrielle Genovese at 724-335-9877 ext. 206 for information about becoming a member of the Church.

Sacrament of Infant Baptism
Contact Gabrielle Genovese at 724-335-9877 ext. 206 4 months before the child’s birth to begin the baptismal preparation process.

Sacrament of Marriage
Contact Monsignor Begolly at least one year in advance of the anticipated date to begin the marriage preparation process.

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday at Noon

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick
Contact Monsignor Begolly to request the sacrament.

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The appeal Jesus makes to the text from the book of the prophet Hosea - “I desire love and not sacrifice” - is important in this regard. Jesus affirms that, from that time onward, the rule of life for his disciples must place mercy at the center, as Jesus himself demonstrated by sharing meals with sinners. Mercy, once again, is revealed as a fundamental aspect of Jesus’ mission.

From the Parish Archives: March 12, 1967

Kinds of Christians

- A lot of Christians are like wheel-barrows, not good unless pushed.
- Some are like canoes, need to be paddled.
- Some are like kites, if you don't keep a string on them, they fly away.
- Some are like kittens, contented when petted.
- Some are like footballs, you can't tell which way they will bounce next.
- Some are like balloons, full of air and ready to blow up.
- Some are like trailers, they have to be pulled.
- Some are like neon lights, keep going on and off.
- But some are like a good watch, open of face, pure gold, quietly busy, and full of good works.
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Abundant Mercy

God, source of all goodness and mercy, you restored Israel after their captivity, and in Jesus, you restored us to life. You have done great things, O Lord. You have revived the wasteland of our hearts and quenched our thirst with living water. Liberate us from the sins that hold us captive. May your mercy, Lord, lead us to a deeper love of you and our neighbors so that your justice might wash over all creation. Filled with joy, may we forever praise you for your abundant grace and be a sign of hope for those who despair, a sign of love for those who hate, and a sign of generosity for those who are cold and selfish. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, March 13, 2016

Encounter the Lord

Today's Readings: Isaiah 43:16–21; Psalm 126:1–2, 2–3, 4–5, 6; Philippians 3:8–14; John 8:1–11. Over the course of the Lenten season, we have taken time to contemplate our sinfulness in order to respond to the call to repent. As the psalmist sings, we can rejoice at the marvelous things God has done in our lives. God's mercy is abundant, and when we are open to God's love, we can honestly approach Christ and seek forgiveness. The prophet Isaiah says that God will do something new; in the Gospel, we see this realized in Jesus' encounter with the adulterous woman. When she is accused before Jesus, he responds calmly, knowing that the scribes and the Pharisees were trying to test him. This encounter describes something new. Jesus' words allow the people to consider their sin before judging others. How often do we point to others' sins? Jesus' encounter reveals this woman's sin, but it also reveals God's abundant mercy. She is forever changed because she has been touched by God's grace in Christ. Jesus doesn't ignore the Law of Moses, but by his simple actions, he profoundly says that God's mercy and compassion are the higher authority. Are you surprised by Jesus' actions? I think this helps us ponder the mystery of salvation. God never ceases to amaze us and save us in deeper ways. The Lord truly has done great things for us and filled us with joy. Review the places you encounter the Lord this Lent and give thanks for the places you've been transformed and deepened in communion with the Body of Christ.
THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, March 14, 2016

Entrap
When we lose focus on God, it is easier to fall into the trap of sin. Sin has a way of eating at us and often puts us at odds with others. Like the two elders in the First Reading, it sometimes seems easier to entrap someone in a lie to protect oneself. It’s easier to ignore our sins and highlight the sin of others. The First Reading reminds us that God is just and merciful and that only God can judge. Reflect on the dark areas of your heart and ask the Light of the World to heal them. Today’s Readings: Daniel 13:1–9, 15–17, 19–30, 33–62; Psalm 23:1–3a, 3b–4, 5, 6; John 8:12–20.

Tuesday, March 15, 2016

Prayer
We pay increased attention to the discipline of prayer during Lent. Think about how you approach the Lord in prayer. Do you feel comfortable revealing your needs or do you shy away from God and intimate conversation? No matter the situation, God longs to hear our prayers and takes delight in answering them. Today would be a great day to make pretzels and discuss prayer with another. Today’s Readings: Numbers 21:4–9; Psalm 102:2–3, 16–18, 19–21; John 8:21–30.

Wednesday, March 16, 2016

Faithfulness
The three young men in the Book of Daniel refuse to worship a false idol even though they are placed into a fiery furnace. Because of their faithfulness, they are saved from death. The Responsorial Psalm today blesses God for his wonderful works. We learn from Jesus that those who heed God's word are blessed and free. What idols have you refused because God's Word is planted in your heart? How has God rescued you from occasions of sin? If you have children, they can learn this story by acting it out as it is read. Today’s Readings: Daniel 3:14–20, 91–92, 95; Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; John 8:31–42.

Thursday, March 17, 2016

I Am
This is the third time this week that we hear Jesus say, “I am.” By using the divine name, Jesus is declaring his oneness with God, who sent him. Jesus is the fulfillment of the covenant; those who refuse to believe will not inherit the Kingdom. How do you understand God’s promise working in your life? To grow in intimacy with Jesus, take some time to sit in silence and ponder, “I am.” Today’s Readings: Genesis 17:3–9; Psalm 105:4–5, 6–7, 8–9; John 8:31–39.

Friday, March 18, 2016

Belief
The Jews in John’s account of the Gospel are struggling to understand or believe that Jesus was sent from God as a sign of God’s love and faithfulness. Some sought to test, or entrap, Jesus and prove him an impostor, just as they did with the prophet Jeremiah. Jesus tells the people to pay attention to the works that he performs as signs that the Father is in him. Jeremiah trusts in the Lord and sings praises to God. Today’s Readings: Jeremiah 26:10–13; Psalm 18:2–3a, 3bc–4, 5–6, 7; John 10:31–42.

Saturday, March 19, 2016

Solemnity of St. Joseph
He biblical accounts in which Joseph appears provide insight into his character. Joseph was a righteous man and obedient to God’s will. He did not want to shame Mary in any way. Our tradition tells us that Joseph was a faithful and loving husband and father. He is the patron saint of a happy death, of workers, and carpenters. Joseph can teach us to remain steadfast when the circumstances are messy. Pray for the dying and for carpenters today. The National Shrine of St. Joseph is at St. Norbert Abbey, De Pere, Wisconsin. Consider taking time to learn more about the shrine and, if possible, plan a pilgrimage there. Today’s Readings: 2 Samuel 7:4–5a, 12–14a, 16; Psalm 89:2–3, 4–5, 27 and 29; Romans 4:13, 16–18, 22; Matthew 1:16, 18–21, 24a or Luke 2:41–51a.
IN SYMPATHY
We commend to your prayers those who died recently:
Mary Butera and Jeffrey Lynch
May God welcome them to the joys of Paradise and bring comfort and peace to their families.

ADDOLORATEA SOCIETY
The Addolorata Society is having their Spring Members Meeting today, Sunday, March 13, in Marble Hall following the 10:30 AM Mass. Light refreshments will be provided. Please be sure to bring your rosaries.

ALTAR SERVER REHEARSAL
Saturday, March 19 11:00 AM for Palm Sunday

EASTER BREAD DELIVERY
Don’t forget to volunteer to deliver Easter bread to our shut-ins this Saturday, March 19, at 9:30 AM. Please contact Darlene Resek at 724-335-3536 if you would like to participate in this special Lenten experience.

102ND BIRTHDAY!
We send best wishes and congratulations to Mrs. Frances Massimini, who will celebrate her 102nd birthday on March 25. She resides at 1931 Alcoa Drive, Arnold, PA 15068. Please take a moment to say a prayer for her and to send her your good wishes for this wonderful occasion!

FOOD BANK THANK YOU
The Mount Saint Peter Parish Food Bank would like to thank everyone who has been bringing in food for the hungry this Lenten season. Donations not only supplement the food the clients receive from the Westmoreland County Food Bank, but they also go toward creating emergency food boxes we keep on hand for people who seek help at the Parish Office during the month. Also, many thanks to all the volunteers who assist with distribution on the first Wednesday of the month. New volunteers are always welcome. Call the Parish Office to volunteer.

DIOCESAN LENTEN APPEAL
A sincere thank you to all who have responded to this year’s Diocesan Lenten Appeal. Your support of the parish and diocese has been awesome! To date, the total in pledges and gifts is $45,681 with 12% of our parish responding. We have met 48% of our goal, which means we only need $49,769.

If you didn’t have an opportunity to respond, please complete the pledge card that was mailed to you and return either at Mass next weekend or to the Parish Office. For your convenience, online pledges and gifts can be made at DLA.dioceseofgreensburg.org. Pledge cards are also available the Parish Office.

PRAY FAST SHARE

LEGACY SOCIETY
"Mount Saint Peter is what God has given us through the efforts of the older generation- most of them immigrants and humble working men. It is now up to us, the younger generation, to guard, protect, support and keep alive what has been handed down to us.” (mountsaintpeter.org/pages/aboutus/history.html)

The Legacy Society of Mount Saint Peter Parish is devoted to this goal. Please join us by leaving a planned financial gift in your will to the Mount Saint Peter Parish Endowment Fund. Like those who came before us, let’s try to leave this place a better place than when we first arrived. A gift today can last forever. If you would like further information, please review the Legacy Society link on our website or contact Bill Staniszewski in the Parish Office at 724-335-9877, Ext. 203 or any member of the Legacy Committee.

HARVEST FOR HAITI COLLECTION
Our monthly collection for our sisters and brothers in Haiti will be taken after all Masses this weekend, March 12/13. Proceeds benefit Partners in Progress, in their work of teaching and supporting sustained agro-ecological farming practices in specific rural communities in Haiti.
The Easter Triduum

The Triduum is the Church’s endless reflection on a way of life that leads through the cross to the Resurrection. You are invited to come to the liturgies on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday.

HOLY THURSDAY – March 24

Celebrate the joy of ministry that is the fabric of service to others. In the washing of the feet we come to a profound humility rooted in the example of Christ. On this same Holy Thursday night, we celebrate the arrival of the Holy Oils to our community: the Oil of Chrism, the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of Catechumens.

GOOD FRIDAY – March 25

Celebrate the ultimate mystery of the triumph of the cross. Unite your sufferings and those of the world with the Lord of the Cross. Venerate the cross, our sign of victory beyond pain and death. Good Friday is the birth of hope and peace.

THE EASTER VIGIL – March 26

Gather around the Easter bonfire as we proclaim Christ is our Light! Recall the history of salvation in Word and song. Relive new life given in the waters of Baptism. Welcome new Christians and join us in the proclamation of the Resurrection and the refreshment of the Eucharist. Plan to be here for this liturgy, the highpoint of the liturgical year!
Faith Formation & Youth Ministry

• Easter Party – March 17
  The youth will gather to learn about the Triduum, dye eggs, eat yummy food, and complete crafts from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM in the Upper Room

• Fish Friday – March 18
  The youth will volunteer to help with our famous fish fry from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM in Marble Hall.

• Tenebrae – March 20
  The youth will gather to discuss the Lord’s Passion and then attend a Tenebrae service. We will begin in the Upper Room at 7:00 PM, and then attend a service beginning at 7:30 PM. (Please be prepared to pick up children 8:30 PM.

MQA School

WIRC READING COMPETITION
  The following Mary Queen of Apostles students participated in the WIRC Reading Competition at Seton Hill University on March 1, 2016:
  • Grade 6: Margaret Pulice, Hannah Laskowski, and Sophie Perrino
  • Grade 7: Aisha Ford, Dale Hyland, Brody Porter, Carsen Brunn, and Jon Bain
  • Grade 8: Carolyn Guzikowski, Abby McElhinney, Ethan Schroeder, and Ian Drake.

  The students won ribbons in Round 1 and in Round 3. The team took 5th place overall. The Reading Club sponsor is Mrs. Dayna Orlowski.

MQA SPRING MUSICAL
  Mary Queen of Apostles School will present their Spring Musical: Disney’s Alice In Wonderland, Jr. on: Friday, April 22 & Saturday, April 23, at 7:00 PM and on Sunday, April 24, at 2:00 PM. Performances will be at The Casino Theater, Vandergrift. Tickets are $5.00 and may be purchased by calling 724-339-4411.

Out & About

CHORAL SOCIETY CONCERT
  The Westmoreland Choral Society directed by Tom Octave will present The Passion of Jesus Christ According to St. Matthew Concert today, Sunday, March 13 at 3:00 PM at First Presbyterian Church of Greensburg. Call 724-610-1411 for ticket information.

A Peek at the Week . . .

Sunday  Harvest for Haiti Collection
         All Masses  Church
         Addolorata Spring Members Meeting
         After 10:30 AM Mass  Marble Hall

Monday  Faith First Family Night
       6:00 PM  Church
       Ezekiel 37 Prayer Group
       7:00 PM  Marble Hall

Tuesday  Baptism Prep Session
        6:00 PM  Upper Room
        Legacy Society Committee Meeting
        6:30 PM  Library
        Faith Sharing Group
        6:30 PM  Rectory Dining Room

Wednesday  E & A
         9:00 AM  Church
         Regional Penance Service
         7:00 PM  St. Joseph Parish, NK

Thursday  MSP Choir Rehearsal
         7:00 PM  Church
         Regional Penance Service
         7:00 PM  St. James, Apollo

Friday  MSP Fish Fry
        11:00 - 6:00 PM  Marble Hall
        Station of the Cross
        7:00 PM  Church

Saturday  E & A
         8:30 AM  Church
         Easter Bread Delivery to Shut-ins
         9:30 AM  Volunteer Room
         Altar Server Training for Palm Sunday
         11:00 AM  Church
         Regional Penance Service
         1:00 PM  St. Margaret Mary Parish

Upcoming Trips:  Thursday, April 7 - The Rivers
                Thursday, May 5 - The Meadows
For more information, call Jen at 724-351-3575.
**March 19/20**

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**Collection Report**

- Mass Attendance: 811
- Sunday Envelopes Used: 484
- Sunday Collection: $14,518.00
- EFT (36): $1,034.00
- EFT (February Monthly): $7,421.00

**Readings for the Week**

- Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30; Jn 8:12-20
- Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30
- Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42
- Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59
- Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42
- Saturday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13; Mt 1:16, 18-21
- Sunday: Lk 19:28-40; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14 - 23:56

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