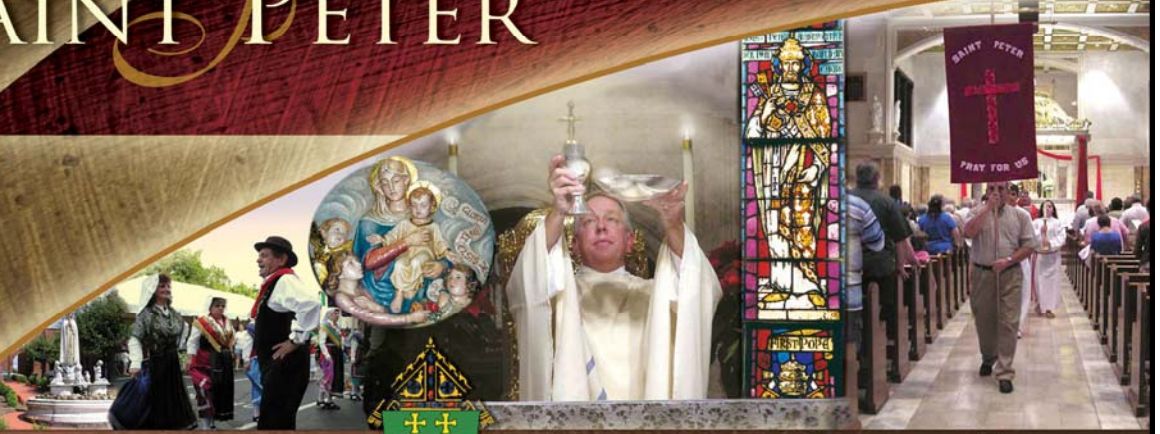
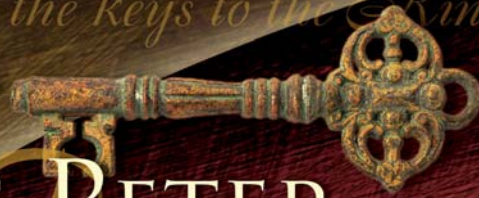


I will give you the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven

MOUNT SAINT PETER



A PARISH OF THE DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG



A PENNSYLVANIA CHARITABLE TRUST

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY:

4:00 PM

SUNDAY:

8:30 AM

10:30 AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

**SATURDAY
AT NOON**

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

9:00 AM - NOON

1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

January 4, 2009

Blessing the Home

In the Gospel today, we hear that the magi found Jesus "on entering the house." The door to your house is the door to where God lives!

You can bless your house - and all who enter it this new year - by inscribing a prayer above your front door.

Each family is invited to take home the final gifts that the parish is offering during the Holy Season.

Using the holy water and the prayer provided, bless your home today. With the piece of chalk, inscribe this above the doors to your home:

20 + C + M + B + 09

Tradition has it that the letters stand for the names of the magi - Caspar, Melchoir and Balthasar.

Blessing your doorways in January is most appropriate. The Latin word *janus* means portal or doorway, and January is the doorway to the coming year of faith.

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Gregory Farrell	Ronald Valasek



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Catherine M. Collett, Principal
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Sacramental and Pastoral Life

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)
Contact Sister Valerie for more information about becoming a member of the Catholic Church.

Sacrament of Infant Baptism
Contact Sister Valerie 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 at Mount Saint Peter Parish.

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

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CHRISTMAS - EPIPHANY SEASON + JANUARY 4 - JANUARY 10, 2009
LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 3

4:00 PM Isadore Romano Jr.
(Joseph & Nancy Romano Family)
Sacrament of Baptism

Sunday, January 4 - Epiphany of the Lord

7:45 AM *Rosary*
8:30 AM Tara Lynn Feroce
(Grandfather & Family)
10:30 AM All Living & Deceased Parishioners

Monday, January 5 - St. John Neumann

8:30 AM Mary Pat Guerrini (Cheryl Belli)
9:05 AM *Rosary*

Tuesday, January 6 - St. Andre Bessette

8:30 AM Carl Martin (Casomir A. Gentile)

Wednesday, January 7 - St. Raymond of Penafort

8:30 AM Josephine Marino (Moret Family)
9:05 AM *Rosary*

Thursday, January 8

8:30 AM MQA Mass - Dominic John Belmonte
(Lombardo Family)
9:05 AM *Rosary*

Friday, January 9

8:30 AM Bernard Lifka (Wife & Family)
9:05 AM *Rosary*

Saturday, January 10

12:00 NN *Sacrament of Reconciliation*
4:00 PM Joseph Ariondo (M/M Earl Secola)

Sunday, January 11 - Baptism of the Lord

7:45 AM *Rosary*
8:30 AM James Albanese (Lynn Napoli)
10:30 AM All Living & Deceased Parishioners
Sacrament of Baptism

Regional Confession Schedule

Wednesday	5:30 PM	St. Joseph
Saturday	9:00 AM	St. Mary
	12:00 NN	Mt. St. Peter
	1:00 PM	St. Margaret Mary

Regional Schedule of Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday	5:00 - 6:15 PM	St. Mary
Friday	11:00 - 12:00 NN	St. Mary
Wednesday	5:00 - 6:15 PM	St. Joseph

Epiphany

In the church year, the feast of Epiphany, which means *manifestation*, is the climax of the twelve days of Christmas, with readings focused on God's gift of light to the entire world.

When we listen to Matthew's story, what strikes us is that the light appeared, but it was up to the Magi to interpret the sign and move toward it. Signs of the presence of God appear in many disguises. Some people dream; some have visions. Some are able to look at the wonders of creation and know that God is with them. The Magi consulted the sky, the thing they knew best, to learn of wondrous events. They did not have to find some esoteric object, nor did they have to learn an entirely new craft. The birth of Jesus was made manifest in what they already knew.

The second thing that strikes us is that their journey did not end at the manger, but at the place where they began. The encounter with God does not end with the travelers laying gifts before the newborn king. Rather, it manifests itself in the change that comes afterward. The Magi returned home by a different way. They had been warned not to go back to Herod, but these different roads also stand for the change that occurs when we encounter the divine.

We cannot go back the way we came because we are now different people. We do not see the world in the same way; we do not see ourselves the same way. Like the Magi, when we lay our gifts at the feet of God, we come away infinitely richer. We change direction.



STAFF CHANGES

Farewell to Helene Paharik

After much prayer and reflection, Mrs. Helene Paharik has discerned that beginning January 1, 2009 she is needed to volunteer full time with the Dormition Abbey Beit Benedict Peace Academy.

Helene is currently the Director of Development for Beit Benedict Peace Academy and is responsible for raising \$14 Million to build and endow the peace academy on Mt. Sion in Jerusalem. This task requires much travel in the US and to the Holy Land.

She has resigned her part-time ministry as Coordinator of Ministry Development to focus her time and attention on this necessary work of the Church to foster reconciliation and provide essential support to the suffering Christians in the Holy Land.

As time and her schedule permits, Helen will come back to offer occasional evenings of reflection for our liturgical ministers and catechists. We ask God's blessings upon her, her family and her important work. To learn more about her work with Beit Benedict, please visit their website at www.bbpeaceacademy.org.

Helene wishes to express heartfelt appreciation to Monsignor Michael for his wise leadership, to the staff for their dedication and support and to the parishioners for the honor of sharing their faith in Jesus Christ, the love of God made manifest.

Welcome Sister Susan Jenny, SC

In light of the resignation of Helene Paharik, we welcome Sr. Susan Jenny to fill the position of Coordinator of Ministry Development in the Parish.

Sr. Susan is a Sister of Charity from Seton Hill and will celebrate her Golden Jubilee as a religious this summer.

In those years, she has taught in elementary schools, served as faculty member and administrator at Seton Hill University, done campus ministry and retreat work, and served on the diocesan staff for lay ministry and pastoral council development.

Sr. Susan has already been assisting in the parish as a Lector at Sunday and weekday Mass, with sacramental preparation for parents with children getting ready for Confirmation and First Communion, and with the monthly Faith First Family Nights.

In addition, she helped in the discernment process for the Parish Pastoral Council and led two retreats for the council.

As Sister Susan joins the parish staff, she will also assist with marriage preparation, adult formation, and the continuing formation of liturgical and catechetical ministers.



PARISH NOTES

In Sympathy

We commend to your prayers the souls of those who have died recently: **Robert Cina**, and **Dorothy Ansani**, mother of parishioners Tom Ansani and Jodi Bodnar. May the Lord welcome them to the joys of Paradise, and bring comfort and peace to their families.

**Baptism**

This weekend we welcome **Isaac Christopher Barton** into our parish family. We rejoice with his parents and with all who celebrate the gift of life in the family of God.

Infant Baptism

As you plan for the birth of your new child, please remember to include the preparations needed for his / her baptism. Baptism preparation sessions are offered every second Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM in the Convent Building. (The next session will be held of January 8, 2009.)

First-time parents and all families who have last celebrated the Baptism of a child three or more years ago are expected to participate in the Infant Baptism preparation process. Please contact Sister Valerie at the parish office to make an appointment.

Faith First Family Night

As a new year dawns, children in Faith First and their parents and families are invited to a special Family Night on Monday evening, January 5 at 6:00 in the Church. Monsignor Michael, Tom Octave and Sister Susan will lead the session on Living in the Light - how we continue to celebrate the wonder and joy of Christmas throughout the year.

Pastoral Council

Members of the Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Monday, January 5 at 7:00 PM in the Library.

A Note of Gratitude - Ezekiel 37 Prayer Group

Many thanks to the Ezekiel 37 Prayer Group for their weekly prayer and their generous Christmas donation to the church. Their generous gift during this season and prayerful support throughout the year bears witness to the abundance of God's love in our midst. Many thanks!

Annual March for Life

St. Mary Parish is sponsoring a day trip to the annual March for Life, in Washington on Thursday, **January 22**. Buses leave St. Mary Church at 6 AM and return at 11:30 PM.

Bus fare: \$25/adult, \$20/student; breakfast: \$8; adult-rate supper: \$13; student (grades 5 - 8): \$8.50
Reservations/questions: George Pecoraro, Jr., at 724-335-8212 or gpecoraro@stmarynk.org.

MSP Travel Committee

The MSP Travel Committee is sponsoring a trip to California's Wine Country - September 10-17, 2009. The trip will include visits to San Francisco, Monterey, Carmel, Santa Rosa, Napa and Sonoma Valley. An informational meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 6** in Marble Hall at 7:00 PM. This trip is limited to only 24 participants! Call Dolly Regoli (724-337-8605) or Karen Frederick (724-337-0314) for more information.

Epiphany Reflection

When the song of the angels is stilled
When the star in the sky is gone
When the kings and princes are home
When the shepherds are back with their flocks
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost To heal the broken
To feed the hungry To release the prisoner
 To rebuild the nations
To bring peace among the people
 To make music in the heart.

Youth Ministry

NCYC Fundraising Meeting

A meeting of all Parents and Youth participating in the National Catholic Youth Conference in Kansas City in November 2009, will be held in the Upper Room on **Wednesday, January 7** at 7 PM. We look forward to all NCYC Youth & Parents gathering and putting your creative ideas together to design a fun and productive fund-raising project.

Youth Ministry 2009 Kick-Off Event. Be sure and save **Sunday, January 11** after the 10:30 AM Mass in Marble Hall. The Youth Ministry Advisory Board has planned a very exciting calendar of meetings and activities for 2009. Come, bring a friend or two, and learn all about it.

Youth Retreat: Strength for the Journey, February 13-15, 2009 at Antiochian Village

Jamie Dillon, Youth Minister/Musician, who has performed at World Youth Day as well as at several National Catholic Youth Conferences, is the feature speaker. Breakout session topics include:

- Social Justice, Time to Take Action;
- What Do You Mean by Morality?;
- Plugged In, Turned On . . . Teens;
- You Want Me to Love Who?;
- The Holy Eucharist - Historically Speaking;
- Sitting Next To Jesus in Algebra;
- Christians on Campus: College 101 (for 11th & 12th graders);
- Those Who Sing, Pray Twice;
- Am I My Brother's Keeper? - The Basics of Peer Ministry.

Teens in Grades 7-12 are welcome. The cost of this retreat is \$115 and includes accommodations, meals, program materials and a shirt. For detailed information, see the link on the Mt. St. Peter Youth Page. If you are interested, please contact Sister Valerie as soon as possible.

Young Adults

If you would like to spend a little time in prayer and sharing faith matters that are of particular concern to you, please join us for our next gathering on **Thursday, January 15, at 7:00 PM** in the Upper Room. All too often, "life does come at us, fast," and what matters most to us is given the least amount of our time. Place this date on your calendar and join us for an hour or two of praying and sharing our faith with peers. Sharing with those whose life experiences are similar to our own can strengthen us in ways that other measures are unable. Come and join us. Bring a friend or two!

School News

Top Award for St. Joseph High School

St. Joseph High School in Natrona Heights has been selected by the National Catholic High School Honor Roll as one of the top 50 Catholic secondary schools in the United States, for the third consecutive year. The Honor Roll recognizes and encourages excellence in Catholic secondary education in academics, Catholic identity, and civic education. St. Joseph students can earn as many as 35 college credits during their high school careers and the school now offers an engineering/robotics elective. SJHS students have excelled in regional, state-wide and national academic competitions; the athletic teams compete in WPIAL championships; the Drama department has been honored with Gene Kelly Awards for excellence in high school musical theater and five faculty members have received Golden Apple awards from the Pittsburgh Diocese. As it has for the past 90 years, St. Joseph High School continues to provide a quality college preparatory education grounded in Catholic values of sanctity, justice, honor and scholarship.



Mt. St. Peter Church Travel Committee

presents

“The Meadows Casino Motor Coach Tours”

January 8 and February 5, 2009

Depart: 9:00 AM (Montgomery Wards Parking Lot)
Lower Burrell, PA
Return: 5:00 PM (Leave Casino)
Cost: \$25.00 per person
(\$10 Return: \$5/food & \$5/cash)

Call for reservations ASAP to Sandy Laney at
724-339-0710 or Jennie Iozzi at 724-351-3575

Make check payable to: MSP Travel Committee

and send to: Sandy Laney
1004 Woodberry Road
New Kensington, PA 15068

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

(please include phone number in case of emergency)

A Peek at the Week . . .

Sunday	R C I A	8:30 AM	Church
Monday	Faith First Family Night Ezekiel 37 Prayer Group	6:00 PM - 7:30 AM 7:00 PM	Church Marble Hall
Tuesday	Travel Committee Meeting - (Details on the California Trip)	7:00 PM	Marble Hall
Wednesday	Regional Council Meeting NCYC Fund-Raising Meeting (Parents & Kids)	7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Marble Hall Upper Room
Thursday	M Q A School Mass Baptism Prep Class Travel Committee Trip	8:30 AM 7:00 PM 9:00 AM	Church Sr. Valerie's Office The Meadows
Saturday	Marriage Prep Workshop	1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Marble Hall

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S**January 10/11****Altar Servers****Readers****Eucharistic Ministers**

Sat. 4:00 PM

K & K Schreiber
B & K Sadecky

L Henkel

M Kuhns, M & D Huet, M Lifka, K Oddis,
M Atkinson, J McGorty

Sun. 8:30 AM

G Latella, A Ruffini
L Capone, J McFall

M Martino

J & S Simoni, J Kleckner, J Rapsinski,
MJ & C Scheler

10:30 AM

N, M & A Cecchetti
K GablickD Orłowski
J PalochikK Cecchetti, K Kowalski, L Lynch,
M Dorich, A Gablick, D Orłowski,
MJ Conforti**COLLECTION REPORT**

Christmas Mass Attendance	2048
Christmas Envelopes Used	724
Christmas Collection	\$ 31,209.00
Catholic Charities Collection	\$ 2,603.00
Sunday Attendance	983
Sunday Envelopes Used	491
Sunday Collection	\$ 9,080.00
EFT (12)	\$ 307.00

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	1 Jn 3:22 - 4:6; Mt 4:13-17, 23-25
Tuesday:	1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday:	1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52
Thursday:	1 Jn 4:19 - 5:4; Lk 4:14-22a
Friday:	1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16
Saturday:	1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30
Sunday:	Is 55:1-11; 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11