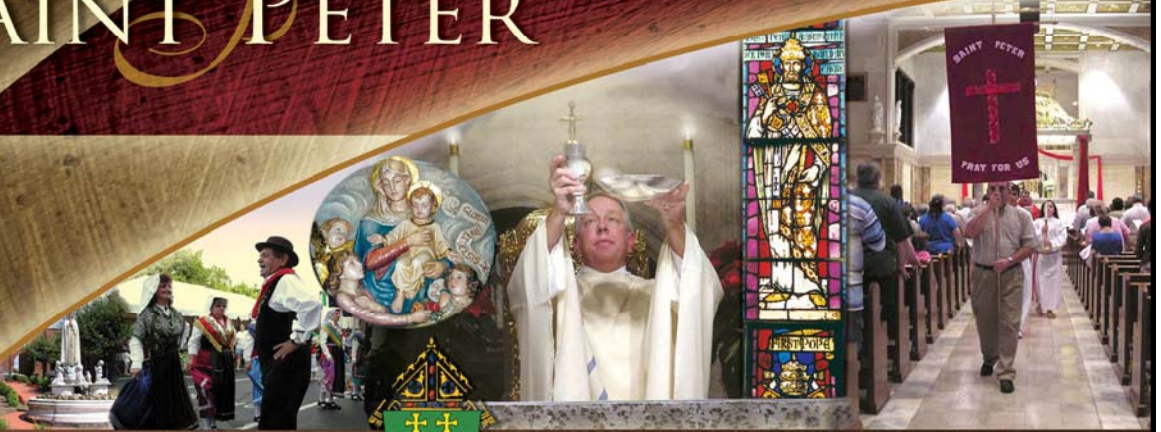
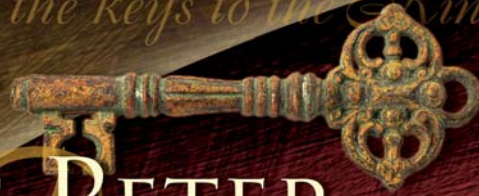


I will give you the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven

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 11, 2009

Youth Ministry Kickoff Today

Junior and Senior Youth Ministry

2009 Program Kickoff

Today, January 11

following the 10:30 Mass

in Marble Hall.

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Bill Kennedy	Maria Tallarico
Jim Palochik	Patty Tosto
	Suzette Venturini

Finance Council

Daniel Casper	Thomas Roberts
Gregory Far-	rell

Mary Queen of Apostles School

Catherine M. Collett, Principal
Pre-K - 8th Grade
www.mqaschool.org
724-339-4411



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.

Addolorata Society	Georganne Stearman 724-339-1235
Altar Servers	Mark Focareta 724-594-3176
Faith First Coordinator	Linda Banas 724-337-7555
Festa Committee	Mary Calvanese 724-337-1863
Environment & Art	Virginia Mrvan 724-335-3181
Food Bank	Rena Beroni 724-335-9877
Gardeners of Eden	Ann Grogno 724-335-0789
Holy Name Society	Scott Laney 724-339-0710
Homebound Ministry	Pat Policastro 724-335-9877 x 117
Lenten Fish Fry	Sandy Laney 724-339-0710
Liturgical Ministry Schedules	Amy Gablick 724-337-0437
Men's Bowling League	Robert Susini 724-337-8464
Mercy Meals	Sue Lascola CALL PARISH OFFICE
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Soup for the Soul	Marlene Borowski 724-339-3331
Soup Tuesdays	Patt LaRussa 724-335-1860
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Ushers	Anthony Bellavia 724-339-8847
Young Adult Ministry	Nancy & Vincent Bruni 724-335-3617
Youth Ministry	Sr. Valerie Zottola 724-335-9877 x 115

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE + JANUARY 11, - JANUARY 17, 2009

Saturday, January 10

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 at Mass

Monday, January 12

8:30 AM Andrew Goga (Millie & Rudy Veselicky)

9:05 AM *Rosary*

Tuesday, January 13 - St. Hilary

8:30 AM Alice Meyer (Ann Ciciarelli)

9:05 AM *Rosary*

Wednesday, January 14

8:30 AM Angeline Maloni (M/M Anthony Guida)

9:05 AM *Rosary*

Thursday, January 15

8:30 AM Donato Mele (Tony & Jean Nicastro)

9:05 AM *Rosary*

Friday, January 16

8:30 AM John Bazzano (M/M Gae Reano)

9:05 AM *Rosary*

Saturday, January 17 - St. Anthony

12:00 NN *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

4:00 PM Laura Bellini (Husband, Henry)

Sunday, January 18 - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:45 AM *Rosary*

8:30 AM Joseph Salatka (Ralph & Doris Marinelli)

10:30 AM All Living & Deceased Parishioners

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

Baptism of the Lord

When it comes to our identity as Christians, most of us have a pretty good idea of who we are and whose we are. We are children of God our Father, brothers and sisters to each other. We are faithful disciples of our brother, Jesus Christ. We live according to his Gospel, his Gospel of love. But sometimes, it's easy to get lost in the sentimentality of the feasts we celebrate. For example, at Christmas we recall the silent, holy, star-lit night, with a stable, its manger, an infant, and a pair of adoring parents. Isn't that the scene that is etched in our minds when we think of that first Christmas in Bethlehem?

But a deeper understanding of the feast of Christmas invites us to enter a world larger and more complex than this intimate scene. In fact, the scripture readings for the Christmas cycle invite us to dwell not so much on the stable of Bethlehem as on the appearance of Jesus as one who inaugurates a new community – a holy family of Jew and Gentile, male and female, rich and poor. That is why the lectionary readings move with rapid speed from the scene at the manger to the scene at the Jordan.

It is this scene, Jesus' baptism, that signals the immanent approach of a God whose power is displayed through solidarity with the powerless. For only a God superbly tender and strong can afford to become in Jesus weak and foolish for the sake of guilty humanity. Jesus' baptism reveals him as the beloved of God, and as the one on whom God's Spirit rests: a spirit that anoints him to bring glad tidings to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives, recovery of sight to the blind and release to prisoners, to announce a year of favor from the Lord.

Yes, when it comes to our identity as Christians, we can easily point to our fidelity to Word and Sacrament and find strength in the comfort they bring. But the true test of our identity comes in the day-to-day living out the message . . . in our daily commitment to being a community where all are welcome, where the lowly are lifted up, where the hope of a world renewed is made real by our commitment to live as God's beloved sons and daughters every moment of our lives.



PARISH NOTES

Baptized in Christ

Today we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. This event took place in the Jordan River. John the Baptist gives testimony that the Spirit and the Father were present and acclaimed Jesus the beloved Son of God.

When were you baptized? Where did it take place? Who was present? Today is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on our own baptism.

Take out the photo albums and the video tapes. Rejoice at how young you looked and delight once again in being claimed a beloved child of God!

In Sympathy

We commend to your prayers the souls of **Geno Bussotti, Thomas Bruno & Joseph Condelli**, who died recently.

May God welcome them to the joys of Paradise and bring comfort and peace to their families.



Church Detrimming

The Environment and Art Committee is looking for volunteers to assist in taking down the Christmas trees and decorations in the Church on **Tuesday, January 13**. There will be two work sessions: 10 AM and 7 PM. Many hands will make light work. All are welcome! For more information, please contact Virginia Mrvan at 724-335-3181.

Festa 2009

The Steering Committee for Festa 2009 will meet on **Thursday, January 15 at 7 PM** in the Library. Mark your calendars now with the dates for this year's annual celebration of our Italian heritage: Festa Italiana will be July 30, 31 & August 1.

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.

Sacramental Prep

Parents with children preparing for the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion are reminded of the upcoming Parent Sessions on **January 20 at 7 PM or January 24 at 10 AM**. Parents must attend either one of these sessions which will focus on the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Young Adults

What better way to support those New Year's resolutions than by scheduling time to pray and discuss faith matters particular to you and your peers? Join us, and bring a friend or two, on **Thursday, January 15, at 7:00 PM** in the Upper Room.

Do you like to say "Smile"?

In order to keep our new website current and up to date, we are looking for parishioners who are available and willing to take pictures at various parish events. Our hope is to have a pool of photographers to share the work. Photographers would sign up to take pictures at the events they plan to attend. If you like to take pictures and are willing to share this talent with the parish, please contact Bill Staniszewski in the Parish Office at 724-335-9877, ext. 112, or e-mail wstanisz@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

Stop Smoking Program

Stop Smoking Program will be presented by St. Margaret Mary Health Ministry in February. The information session will be held **Monday, February 2**, at 7:00 PM in room B-1, and the program will last for seven consecutive Mondays. If interested, call 724-337-8748 to register for the informational program.

Saint Luke Society Meeting

The Saint Luke Society of the Diocese of Greensburg will have their meeting Thursday, **January 22 at 7:00 PM** at The Bishop Connare Center in Greensburg. Membership and dues are now being accepted for the year 2009. All Catholic health care personnel are invited (or encouraged) to attend. For further information call 724-837-3805.

Parish Calendars

Calendars help us mark time. Additional parish calendars for the year 2009 are available in the parish office. May we see time as a gift from God. May we treasure the time we share with family and friends. May we take the time to share our gifts with those in need.

Winter Ordinary Time

It is not Advent or Christmastime any more. The ninety days of the great Lenten-Easter season have not yet begun. Instead, we find ourselves in between, in the regular sequence of ordinary time on the church calendar.

The word *ordinary* does not mean mundane or commonplace. It simply indicates that the Sundays throughout the year are designated by their ordinal numbers: Second, Third, Fifth, Twenty-sixth, and so on.

Day by Day

It is probably not a bad thing, however, that the word *ordinary* calls to mind everyday concerns and accomplishments. Anyone who thinks that life is all peak experiences and drama has not been paying close attention. A great deal of God's grace is to be found in the day-to-day practice of the faith. During Ordinary Time, daily life sets the pace.

Sunday by Sunday

Ordinary time reminds us that Sunday is the cornerstone of our lives. In the church, it is called "the original feast," because it is the oldest celebration of Jesus that we know. It is a day of joy, a day of resurrection, of rest. It reminds us of the whole of Jesus' life, beginning with the greatest mystery of our faith - Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Every Sunday we celebrate the Lord's Day. We gather in faith, we listen to the stories of Jesus' life, we share the meal of the Eucharist, and we are sent forth to live our faith in the everyday parts of our lives. We are reminded how to be disciples, and nourished for the week ahead so that we might live out the Baptism that claimed us for Christ.

While we may still be putting away the remnants of our Christmas celebration, and already looking at our calendars to see when Easter falls this year, let us enter into this Winter Ordinary Time open to experiencing Jesus in the ordinary rhythms of life. For there is nothing ordinary in any encounter with God.



Mt. Saint Peter Church Electronic Fund Transfer Program (EFT)

I would like to donate through the Electronic Fund Transfer Program (EFT):

Personal Information

Name (as it appears on bank statement)

Home Address

City State Zip

Debit Options

Bank Name

Bank Account Number (Checking/Savings)
(Please attach a voided check if choosing a checking account debit.)

\$ _____
(a) Weekly withdrawal (every Friday)

\$ _____
(b) Monthly withdrawal (last working day of the month)

Begin Withdrawals on _____

Authorization

I authorize Mt. Saint Peter Church to withdraw the amount indicated above until I notify the parish otherwise.

Signature of Account Holder

M Q A SCHOOL

Forensic Tournament

M Q A School hosted the Southwestern Pennsylvania Forensics League Tournament on November 15. Students on the team, the categories in which they competed and the awards they took are listed below.

Poetry -	Isabella Bordonaro, 2 1 st awards, Paige Cook, 1 st and 2 nd awards
Prose -	Amanda Klawinski, 2 1 st awards, Kelsey Chabal two 2 nd awards
Drama -	Stephanie Costabile 1 st and 2 nd awards, Mia Grazioso, 1 st and 3 rd awards, Mallory Milberger two 2 nd awards
Impromptu	Abby Ceraso 1 st and 2 nd awards, Mitch Farrell, 2 nd and 3 rd awards
Declamation	Antonio Regoli 1 st and 2 nd awards, Will Carvin, 2 nd and 3 rd awards
Multiple Reading	
Team # 1	Juliana Fellowes, Chloe Bendis, Rebecca Polinski, Erin Lauff, Kelly Schrieber two 1 st awards
Team #2	Ricky Staniszewski, Bill Sadecky, Anthony Fellows 2 nd and 3 rd awards

Moderator/Coach is Cathy Collett.

Mt. St. Peter Church Travel Committee

presents

"The Meadows Casino Motor Coach Tour"

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)

Mt. St. Peter Church Travel Committee

The MSP Travel Committee is sponsoring a trip to California's Wine Country - September 10-17.
The trip will include visits to San Francisco, Monterey, Carmel, Santa Rosa, Napa and Sonoma Valley.

This trip is limited to only 24 participants!

Call Dolly Regoli (724-337-8605) or Karen Frederick (724-337-0314) for more information.

A Peek at the Week . . .

Sunday	R C I A Jr./Sr. Youth Group Kick-Off	8:30 AM 11:30 AM	Church Upper Room
Monday	Faith First Ezekiel 37 Prayer Group	6:00 PM - 7:30 PM 7:00 PM	MQA School Marble Hall
Tuesday	Environment & Art Committee Finance Council Meeting	9:30 AM 7:00 PM	Church Library
Thursday	Festa Steering Committee	7:00 PM	Library

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January 17/18

Sat. 4:00 PM

Altar Servers

N, J & M Farrell

Readers

F Rapp

Eucharistic MinistersC & M Collett, C Kestner, M & G Farrell,
P LaRussa, K Waltonbaugh

Sun. 8:30 AM

M Pavidonis,
S & N Miller

G Hall

J & L Matta, L Chakan, E Solomon, P Capo,
R Bruni

10:30 AM

P, C, & P Petit

F. Livorio
L HenkelM Christopher, D Marinucci, A Meledandri,
M Schroeder, T Fazio, J casper, E Wittkopp

COLLECTION REPORT

Mass Attendance	1043
Sunday Envelopes Used	547
Sunday Collection	\$13,878
EFT (42)	\$ 2,946
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 4,056

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Heb 1:1-6; Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday:	Heb 2:5-12; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday:	Heb 2:14-18; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday:	Heb 3:7-14; Mk 1:40-45
Friday:	Heb 4:1-5, 11; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday:	Heb 4:12-16; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday:	1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19;1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42