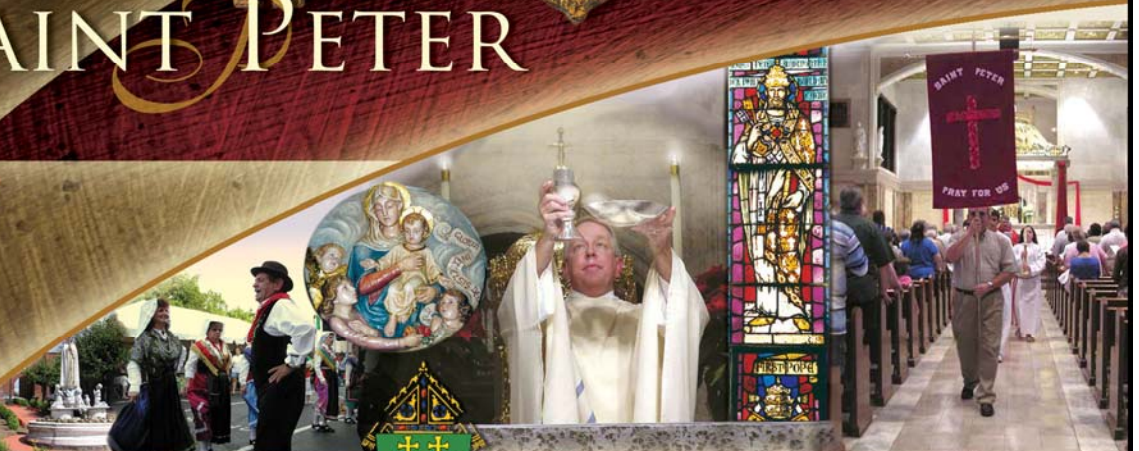
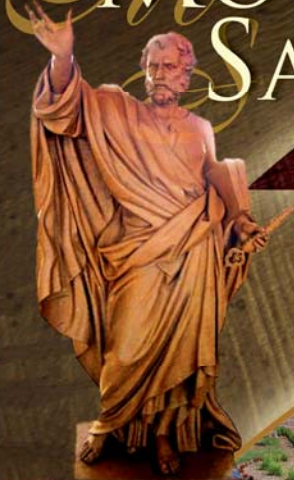


I will give you the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven

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 25, 2009

Catholic Schools Week: January 25 - 31, 2009

The theme of Catholic Schools Week for 2009 is **Catholic Schools Celebrate Service**, emphasizing the duty and delight of giving back.

Catholicism has a long and rich tradition of direct service to those in need, as well as social justice efforts to end social ills like racism and homelessness. Catholic schools incorporate service projects into the curriculum, teaching students the value of helping others as an expression of faith and good citizenship.



Annual Open House

MARY QUEEN OF APOSTLES SCHOOL

TODAY, SUNDAY JANUARY 25

FROM 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM AT BOTH SITES

Freeport Road (PK3 - Grade 3)

Leishman Avenue (Grade 4 - 8)

All are welcome!

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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

Frank Robertson

724-335-1378

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

Music Ministry

Thomas Octave

724-335-9877 x 120

Soup for the Soul

Marlene Borowski

724-339-3331

Soup Tuesdays

Patt LaRussa

724-335-1860

St. Anthony Guild

Monica Bolcato

724-339-3176

St. Vincent DePaul

Karl Strittmatter

CALL PARISH OFFICE

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Nancy & Vincent Bruni

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Sr. Valerie Zottola

724-335-9877 x 115

THIRD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME + JANUARY 25 - 31, 2009
LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 24

4:00 PM Deceased Petitta Family
 (Dolores Brewer & Family)

Sunday, January 25 - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:45 AM *Rosary*
 8:30 AM Peter Scalise (M/M Sam Arabia)
 10:30 AM All Living & Deceased Parishioners

Monday, January 26 - Sts. Timothy & Titus

8:30 AM No Mass

Tuesday, January 27 - St. Angela Merici

8:30 AM No Mass

Wednesday, January 28 - St. Thomas Aquinas

8:30 AM No Mass

Thursday, January 29

8:30 AM No Mass

Friday, January 30

8:30 AM No Mass

Saturday, January 31 - St. John Bosco

12:00 NN *Sacrament of Reconciliation*
 4:00 PM Antionette Albabnese (Lynn Napoli)

Sunday, February 1 - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:45 AM *Rosary*
 8:30 AM Flora Harrison
 (Frank & Frank Jr. Pallone)
 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

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time: Called and Challenged

Today's Gospel passage tells us that after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "The Kingdom of heaven is at hand. Repent and believe the gospel." And every time since then that the gospel is proclaimed, there is a call from Jesus to transform our lives.

The kingdom of God is near! The time is short! Reform your lives, just as the people of Nineveh turned from their evil way. Leave behind your attachment to possessions and security, come and follow Jesus.

There is much for which we need to repent: poverty, hunger, homelessness, war, discrimination, the destruction of the earth and the wasting of its resources. The Christian believes what Paul wrote, that the world as we know it is passing away. Ahead lies the kingdom of God, and each of us must choose between solidarity with a world headed for destruction and solidarity with a world ruled by God.

Things can change for us, as they did for Nineveh when they believed God, who shows sinners the way and guides the humble to justice. May we heed the call to follow Jesus and live the gospel: proclaiming good news to the poor, justice for the oppressed, hope for the hopeless, joy for those in sorrow, peace to a troubled world.

"No greater challenge or higher priority can be imagined than the development and perfection of a theology of peace suited to a civilization poised on the brink of self-destruction."

Pope John Paul II, *Laborem Exercens* (1981).



PARISH NOTES

Daily Mass This Week

Monsignor Begolly is away until January 30. There will be no daily Mass in the parish while he is away. Daily Mass is scheduled at the following times in the region:

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| • 8:00 AM | Monday - Friday | St. Margaret Mary |
| • Noon | Monday, Thursday | St. Joseph |
| • Noon | Wednesday, Friday | St. Mary |
| • 6:15 PM | Tuesday | St. Mary |
| • 6:15 PM | Wednesday | St. Joseph |

Festa 2009

Plans are already underway for another great celebration of our Italian heritage. Mark your calendar now with the dates for this year's Festa Italiana:

JULY 30, 31 & AUGUST 1.

At the January meeting of the Festa Steering Committee, Frank Robertson agreed to serve as the Convenor of the Steering Committee for Festa 2009. We are grateful to Frank for his willingness to serve in this important role.

We are in the process of implementing a new model of leadership for this year's Festa with each member of the steering committee working together and taking greater responsibility for their area of expertise. This will eliminate the need for the responsibility to fall on the shoulders of any one person. The role of the Convenor is to gather the steering committee for meetings and to facilitate the coordination of the various committees and subcommittees.

There will be an important meeting of the Steering Committee and the Sub Committee Chairperson on **Tuesday, March 10** at 7:00 PM in Marble Hall. We will also be holding a pizza and wing party, as part of a Volunteer Drive for new and veteran Festa workers on **Tuesday, April 28** at 7:00 PM in Marble Hall. Watch the bulletin for more information about both of these upcoming events.

We are very grateful to Mary Calvanese who has served as the Chairperson of the Festa for the past several years. Through her hard work and the dedication and commitment of all our Festa workers, patrons and those who came to the Festa, we made a record profit in 2008. Kudos and thanks to all for a job well done!



Parish Finances

Our parish Business Manager, Bill Staniszewski, spoke at all the Masses on the weekend of January 17/18, giving a brief update on parish finances. We are reprinting his message here, for the sake of those who were unable to attend Mass in the parish on that weekend.

First I would like to thank you for all you have given in terms of your time, talent and / or treasure to make Mount Saint Peters a financially sound Parish.

I come before you today as I have for the last 3 years to ask you to review your offertory gift to the Church. I am very aware of the hardships that some have suffered this past year. That is why we delayed this talk from October until now. When the gas prices rose to \$4 a gallon this past year, our collections started to drop even though attendance was going up.

We are taking a soft approach this year. If you can hold your gift to the level of your giving in the previous year, that would be great. If you can increase that would be most helpful. Our collections do need to return to their previous levels but we know that it may take a year to get there.

You will receive a brochure in the mail that will outline our budget performance for the last fiscal year and will have information about the upcoming year.

One of the items in the brochure is a financial commitment form. We use this for budgeting and to track trends. It is vital to receive as many back as we can in order that we make decisions that keep the Church on sound financial footing.

Once again, on behalf of Monsignor Begolly and the Parish Finance Council, I thank you for your continued support of the parish.

Watch your mail for the mailing from the parish with the budget information and the financial commitment form. Please take some time to complete the Financial Commitment form and return it in the Sunday as soon as possible.

Wall Restoration and Memorial Opportunities

Many thanks for the wonderful response to the wall restoration project so far. There are still opportunities available for "memorials" and "bricks of thanks". The coping stones that will be engraved are currently available in 1, 2 and 3 foot lengths. The cost is just \$300 per 12" x 18" space. As the sizes sell out, the opportunities will be limited to the size of the stones available. For more information, please call Bill in the Parish Office at 724-337-9877 x 112.

Youth Ministry

Junior Youth Group Meeting

Following the 10:30 AM Mass in the Upper Room the Junior Youth are invited to their first meeting of 2009. This meeting will last until 1:00 PM. All youth in Grades 6-8 are welcome. Feel free to bring a friend or two along.



Spaghetti Dinner

Eleven of our youth, along with 2 adult chaperones, will be participating in the National Catholic Youth Conference in Kansas City, MO in November. The cost for each participant is over \$1,100. Therefore, we are asking for your support in helping these youth afford the cost of this wonderful experience, by your participation in their Spaghetti Dinner, on **Sunday, February 22**, in Marble Hall, from Noon – 4:00 PM.

2009 Calendar of Meetings and Events

On January 11, several of our youth received a copy of the exciting 2009 Youth Ministry Calendar of Meetings and Events. Be sure to see this calendar, yourself, on the “Youth” link of the Mt. St. Peter Church homepage. If you would like the index copy version of this calendar that the youth received, just contact Sister Valerie at the parish office.

Ringing the Bell for the Children of Guatemala

At the **February 7** weekend Masses, our youth will be joining Father Bernard Survil as he “rings his bell” outside the Church, seeking our contributions and prayers on behalf of the children of Guatemala. The contributions he collects will be put towards the only Catholic School within five hours of an area in Guatemala called the Polochic Valley, staffed by the Dominican Sisters. Your financial contributions and/or prayers would be most appreciated.

Youth & Young Adult Choir

Would you be interested in sharing your time and musical talents (instrumental or vocal) in worship with your parish? Are you a youth parishioner or a young adult parishioner (20-30 something)? If so, please call or e-mail either Mr. Tom Octave or Sister Valerie at the parish. This new choir would meet twice a month, every other Thursday at 6:15 PM. Consider sharing your talents and serving your church, and, at the same time, enjoying the fellowship of your peers and the joy of music in praise of our God.

Second Collection Next Week

The Church in Eastern Europe Collection will be taken up at all Masses throughout our diocese on February 1. The reason for this appeal is to re-establish and restore the Church in Central and Eastern European countries after years of oppression and persecution. The money from this collection will help to restore religious orders, and seminaries, and reinstitute religious education.

The Church in Eastern Europe has suffered greatly and the people are counting on us for this great response to their needs. Let us help them face the enormous challenges ahead by being their source of hope. Prayer and sacrifice are ways of meeting the challenges.

MSP TRAVEL COMMITTEE

- New York City Trip (April 30 – May 3)**
 Sunday Cardinal’s Mass at St. Patrick Cathedral, Ellis Island, Arthur Avenue “Little Italy” (in the Bronx), Rockefeller Center, Jazz brunch cruise, etc. Trip cost is \$849 for double, \$1229 for single, which includes bus transportation, 3 nights in mid-town Manhattan hotel, sites listed above and some meals. Deposit deadline is **February 13**. Call or email Karen Frederick at 724-337-0314 or karon1121@yahoo.com.
- California Wine Country (September 10-17)**
 Contact Dolly Regoli at 724-337-8605 for a brochure. Trip deposit is due by **February 11**.
- “The Meadows Casino Motor Coach Tour”
February 5**
 Depart: 9:00 AM (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.
- Music Ministry Sponsors Trip to
Pittsburgh Symphony Concert**
 Saturday, **April 25**, 8:00 PM Concert by the PSO at Heinz Hall honoring Pittsburgh’s own Gene Kelly. Enjoy your Gene Kelly favorite movies as the PSO performs songs from *Brigadoon*, *Singin’ In the Rain* and *An American In Paris*. The music will be synchronized with clips from those films. Transportation (school bus) and Main Floor Concert Ticket for \$49. Call, or email, Karen Frederick for order form (724)337-0314 or karon1121@yahoo.com

CELEBRATING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Catholic Schools Week

This week Catholic schools all across the United States are celebrating Catholic Schools' Week. It is a time that we honor the mission of our Catholic schools that make a world of difference in the lives of our young people, our church and our community.

We are blessed with the opportunity for our young people to attend Mary Queen of Apostles School, St. Joseph High School, Greensburg Central Catholic High School, Oakland Catholic High School and Central Catholic High School, schools whose mission is to create a Catholic learning environment that prepares students for their journey of a lifetime.

We are grateful for the faculty and staff of our schools - dedicated women and men of faith. We are grateful to the parents and parishioners who sacrifice to support our schools. We celebrate the growth in faith and knowledge taking place in the students of our schools.

Happy Catholic Schools Week!



New Science & Technology Center at SJHS

Saint Joseph High School announces its continuing expansion project, moving forward with a new, three story, 15,000 + foot Science and Technology Center.

The building will include three state-of-the-art laboratories, for Physical Science, Life Science, Robotics and Engineering, as well as classroom and office space. Additionally, the building will include a multi-purpose lecture hall, which can be used for the students' award winning History Day, PJAS, and PRSEF projects, as a practice space for small group dramatic performances, for hosting outside speakers, community outreach, or summer workshops, and as a home for our instrumental music program.

The Science and Technology Center, set to open for the 2009-2010 school year, will position Saint Joseph High School to meet the needs of current and prospective students well into the future.

A Peek at the Week . . .

Sunday	R C I A Junior Youth Group Meeting	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	M Q A School Marble Hall
Wednesday	St. Vincent DePaul Meeting	9:30 AM	Library
Friday	Bowler's Banquet Preparation		Marble Hall
Saturday	M S P Bowler's Banquet	6:00 PM	Marble Hall

Mark your calendar: February 2 - Faith First Family Night

The next Family Night will be held on **February 2** at 6:00 PM in church. Since this is the 40th day of Christmas, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, we will celebrate Mass with the blessing and presentation of candles.

Children in Faith First, their siblings, parents, and grandparents are all welcome to attend!

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Jan. 31/Feb. 1

Altar ServersReadersEucharistic Ministers

Sat. 4:00 PM

B & K Sadecky
P Mitchell

F Rapp

K Oddis, C Kestner, P LaRussa, M Atkinson,
M Lifka, C & M Collett

Sun. 8:30 AM

S & N Miller
G Latella

G Hall

P Capo, V Gilley, L Chakan, E Solomon,
R Bruni, E Perriello

10:30 AM

A Regoli, A Gablick
S PredebonD Orlowski
P LangF DeSocio, E Wittkopp, D Orlowski,
A Gablick, MJ Conforti, A Regoli, J Casper

COLLECTION REPORT

Mass Attendance	828
Sunday Envelopes Used	470
Sunday Collection	\$8,324
EFT (12)	\$ 307

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5;
Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18; Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: Heb 10:19-25; Mk 4:21-25

Friday: Heb 10:32-39; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Mk 4:35-41

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20; 1 Cor 7:32-35;
Mk1:21-28