

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

March 22, 2009

MQA Gala

Night of Knights

Saturday,

March 28



The third annual Night of Knights Gala to benefit Mary Queen of Apostles School will be held next Saturday evening at the Leishman Avenue site of MQA. The doors will open at 6:30 PM.

The adult event, sponsored by the parishes in the region, will feature a live auction, silent auctions, theme basket raffles, food and fellowship. Plan to attend and to support our award-winning school!

Upcoming Schedule Changes

- **March 29 - Holy Name Mass at 7:30 AM**
(instead of 8:30)
- **April 11 / 12 - Easter**
Vigil - **8:30 PM** (instead of 4:00 PM)
Day - **8, 10, and Noon**
(instead of 8:30 and 10:30)

Directory for Mount Saint Peter Parish

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Bill Kennedy	Maria Tallarico
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Finance Council

Daniel Casper	Thomas Roberts
Gregory Farrell	Ronald Valasek



Mary Queen of Apostles School
 Catherine M. Collett, Principal
 Pre-K - 8th Grade
www.mqaschool.org
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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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Holy Name Society	Scott Laney 724-339-0710
Homebound Ministry	Pat Policastro 724-335-9877 x 117
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FOURTH WEEK OF LENT + MARCH 22 - MARCH 28, 2009

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 21

4:00 PM Elena Moret (Moret Family)

Sunday, March 22 - Fourth Sunday of Lent

7:45 AM *Rosary*

8:30 AM Rose & Dave Falcon (Bode Family)

10:30 AM All Living & Deceased Parishioners

Monday, March 23 - St. Toribio de Mogrovejo

8:30 AM Donald Knapp (Ann Zine & Family)

9:05 AM *Rosary*

Tuesday, March 24

8:30 AM Joseph Pellegrino (Wife, Vera)

9:05 AM *Rosary*

Wednesday, March 25 - Annunciation of the Lord

8:30 AM Lt. Col. Earl Baughn
(Nancy DiPalma & Family)

9:05 AM *Rosary*

Thursday, March 26

8:30 AM Thomas Bruno (Dr. & Mrs. Frank Iozzi)

9:05 AM *Rosary*

Friday, March 27

8:30 AM Johnathan Perry (Dom & Sue Flocker)

9:05 AM *Rosary*

Saturday, March 28

12:00 NN *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

4:00 PM Sam & Rose Remich (Family)

Sunday, March 29 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

7:30 AM Abate & Nasser Family Deceased
(Ted & Trish Opalka & Family)

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

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Robert Ripley began a phenomenon in the early twentieth century that still fascinates us today. Ripley's first *Believe it or Not!* cartoon appeared in 1918 and his first book was published in 1929. Cartoonist, author, radio host, world traveler, Ripley has searched for the weird and unusual. In 1933 the first "odditorium" was opened and museums, games, cartoon, books, and TV shows appeared throughout the world. Ripley's death in 1949 did not stop the sensation and the oddity industry thrives today.

We are asked to believe such things as a thirty-eight-inch woman giving birth to a nineteen-inch baby or the existence of a five-legged cow. These out-of-the-ordinary things seem to catch our attention and fascinate us to no end. What the gospel calls us to believe this Sunday is far more amazing than anything Ripley could discover - we are asked to believe that life comes out of death.

This Sunday's gospel sets forth the tensions of Christian life in a series of contrasts: believe - not believe, light - darkness, live in truth - do evil works. One path leads to salvation, the other to condemnation. We can believe, walk in light, and live in truth because God has loved us and sent his Son so that we might not perish but have eternal life. The whole of Christian living is a response to God's love given in Jesus.

This Sunday's gospel mentions that the "Son of Man [would] be lifted up." Being "lifted up" is a reference not only to Jesus' being lifted up on a cross to die, but it also is a reference to Jesus' being lifted up in glory. Death leads to risen life.

The second reading reminds us that God loves us so much as to give us "life with Christ." We, too, will be lifted up to bear our crosses so that we can share in Christ's risen, glorious life. Believe it or not - that life comes from death; that God loves us so much as to send the Son to die for us and be raised, so that we too might share in divine life.



PARISH NOTES

St. Anthony Guild

At the 10:30 Mass this weekend, we welcome members of the St. Anthony Guild who are celebrating their Lenten Mass and Brunch. We are grateful to the members of the Guild for the many ways they share the love of God with our parish and beyond, especially through the Angel Tree Project at Christmas, the fruit basket delivery to the homebound at Christmas, and the Paschal bread delivery to the homebound at Easter.

Holy Name Society

Next Sunday, **March 29**, the Holy Name Society will be hosting the Annual Father & Son Communion Breakfast. The event will start with Mass at 7:30 AM, followed by breakfast in Marble Hall. The speaker will be former Steeler Leo Wisniewski.



MSP Concert Series Continues

On **Sunday, March 29** at 7:30 PM, Mt. St. Peter Concert Series welcomes Maria Sensi Sellner, a daughter of the parish, to conduct the St. John Passion by Bach. This Lenten classic includes orchestra, chorus and soloists. There will be a free will offering taken to benefit the Mount Saint Peter Food Bank. All are welcome!

Tenebrae

On **Sunday, April 5** at 7:30 PM, Mount Saint Peter Parish Choir and Chamber Orchestra will present the traditional Tenebrae service. Readings from the Paschal Triduum and sacred music of season will be featured as we enter into Holy Week. Mark your calendars now as we enter into this sacred season of our faith. Come experience an evening of song, dance, scripture and prayer.

Laetare - Rejoice Today

Midway through Lent, we focus on where this holy season is taking us: to the celebration of the Resurrection and the gift of eternal life in Christ. It was customary for the Pope to carry a golden rose after celebrating Mass on the Fourth Sunday of Lent, as a symbol of the glory of Christ, who flowered from the family tree of Jesse ("A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse..." Isaiah 11:1).



Youth & Young Adults



- **Easter Bread Delivery:** Volunteers are needed on **Saturday, April 4** for the annual Easter Bread Delivery. We will gather at Marble Hall about 9:30 AM, pray and then be on our way sharing our love and bread with our homebound parishioners. We will have a sign-up sheet in the vestibule after each of the weekend masses next week. If enough volunteers sign up, it might take only 1 hour of your Saturday.
- **Junior Youth Group:** Gathering today, following the 10:30 AM Mass.
- **Young Adults:** 20-30 Something Adults will be gathering on **Thursday, March 26** at 7:00 PM in the Upper Room for social time together and discussion on how Mt. St. Peter can support their growth in faith. Please RSVP to Sister Valerie.

Blessing and Dedication of the Apostle Statues

We are planning a late summer blessing and dedication for the new statues of the apostles, with a special booklet commemorating the event.

Both the statue memorials and the memorials on the coping stones of the repaired stone wall will be included in the memorial booklet.

After the booklet goes to print on May 1, there will be a price increase to help defray the engraving costs for stones memorialized after that date. The current price for the coping stones is \$300 per foot. The new price will be \$500 per foot.

For more information, please call Bill Staniszewski at 724-335-9877, extension 112, or go to www.mountsaintpeter.org. Click on "I want to Donate," then "Special Projects," then "More Information," and finally "Coping Order Form."

Friday Fish Fry

11:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Eat-in until 6:00 PM

Take Out Orders:
724-335-1458



All Bakers

We are grateful to all the bakers who are keeping up with the dessert table at the **Fish Fry**? If you want to participate, please deliver your sweet treats on any Friday AM during Lent from 8:00 AM.

Servers

Servers are still needed to help serve the food from 4:30 to 6:30 PM. If you can spare the time, call Pat at the parish office.

Qualities of Potential Pastoral Council Members

An article in last week's bulletin described the role of the Parish Pastoral Council as a leadership body which works to discern the mission of the parish and to envision the ways in which that mission is lived out in the parish.

As we prepare to begin the planning process for the next year, we need four new members who are willing to invest their time and energy in this important work of planning for the future of our parish.

Specifically, we are looking for leaders who embody the following qualities:

- Desire for spiritual growth in themselves and the parish.
- Enthusiasm about the future of the parish.
- Eagerness to facilitate parish decisions about its direction.
- Courage to work toward consensus.
- Capacity to listen outweighing the need to speak
- Integrity in articulating what they have heard and what they believe.
- Ability to inspire and empower.
- Willingness to delegate.
- Flexibility and openness with people and ideas.



If you feel that these qualities describe you and you would like to take an active role in helping to set the direction for the parish, I invite you to prayerfully consider if God is calling you to ministry on the Pastoral Council.

An information meeting will be held later on Monday, April 20, from 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM for all who express an interest in the work of the council.

Act now to help shape the Parish Pastoral Council.

The selection process for the Parish Pastoral Council is **participatory**. In keeping with the diocesan guidelines, there will not be an "election" of pastoral council members. All parishioners are encouraged to let their voices be heard by submitting names of those members of the parish community who possess the qualities for the ministry of leadership.

Everyone whose name is submitted will be invited to participate in an information meeting on April 20 from 7 – 9 PM. On May 11, those who feel they possess the qualities for service as a Pastoral Council Member will participate in a discernment and selection process.

An Evening for Peacemaking

Kathy Kelly, a global peacemaker, will speak on **Tuesday, March 24** at 7:00 PM in Cecilian Hall at Seton Hill University in Greensburg. Her presentation is sponsored by the Sisters of Charity, who invite all to attend free of charge.

Kathy Kelly helps to coordinate the Voices for a Creative Nonviolence, a campaign to end military and economic warfare against Iraq. She has participated in nonviolent direct action teams in Haiti, Bosnia, Nicaragua, and Iraq. Kelly is a three-time Nobel Peace Prize nominee and has been a committed teacher and activist for over thirty years. In 2002, she was named Pax Christi Teacher of the Year.

Come and hear someone whose life of action and reflection, teaching and doing come together in the phrase, "Practice what you teach."

Parish Mission in Vandergrift this week

St. Gertrude Parish will host a Lenten Parish Mission by Fr. Jim Sichko. The Mission will take place **March 22 - 25** at 7:00 PM each evening. Fr. Sichko will present a motivational and spiritually uplifting mission. After each talk, a social will be held in the church hall. All are welcome.

Adult Formation in Lower Burrell

Monsignor Gaston continues his presentation on the *Seven Deadly Sins* on **Thursday evenings** at 7:00 PM at St. Margaret Mary Parish.

Regional Schedule of Stations of the Cross

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| 6:45 PM Wednesdays | - St. Joseph (following 6:15 PM Mass) |
| 12:30 PM Fridays | - St. Mary's (following 12:00 NN Mass) |
| 7:00 PM Fridays | - Mt. St. Peter & St. Margaret Mary |

M Q A SCHOOL

Forensic Team

M Q A School participated in the Southwestern Forensic League Finals Tournament and the All Stars Tournament on Saturday February 28, 2009 at Mellon Middle School. The students received in both tournaments a total of 6 First Place Awards, 4 Second Place Awards, 2 Third Place Awards, and 1 Fourth Place Award. Catherine Collett is the coach/advisor.

All Stars Tournament Results:

Megan Christ-Extemporaneous-1st Place
 Juliana Fellows, Erin Lauff, Chloe Bendis, Rebecca Polinski, Kelly Schreiber-Multiple Readings-1st Place
 Amanda Klawinski-Prose-3rd Place
 Abby Ceraso-Impromptu-4th Place

Finals Tournament Results:

Amanda Klawinski-Prose-1st Place
 Ricky Staniszewski-Declamation-1st Place
 Megan Christ-Extemporaneous-1st Place
 Juliana Fellowes, Erin Lauff, Chloe Bendis, Rebecca Polinski, Kelly Schreiber-Multiple Readings-1st Place
 Stephanie Costabile-Drama-2nd Place
 Mia Grazioso-Drama-2nd Place
 Maria Castellon-Prose-2nd Place
 Abby Ceraso-Impromptu-2nd Place
 Paige Cook-Poetry-3rd Place

PA Junior Academy of Science

MQA School Students also participated in the 75th annual PA Junior Academy of Science-Region VII meeting held at Keystone Oakes High School on February 7. Sixteen students researched, designed, tested, and analyzed results for their investigations in the fields of physics, microbiology, biology, zoology, and chemistry. The fifteen students receiving first place awards will present their research projects at the state meeting to be held on May 17-19 at Penn State University. Mrs. Cheryl Kestner is the sponsor of these students.

Seventh Graders receiving a First Place Award:

Eric Dunkel, Dominic Guzzi, Cailin Murphy, Ricky Staniszewski, Will Carvin, Eric Praniewicz, Kelly Schreiber, Megan Christ, Maria Castellon, Gabe Schroeder, (he also received a special award from the Society of Analytical Chemists of Pittsburgh, sponsored by Duquesne University), and Juliana Fellowes.

Eighth Graders receiving a First Award:

David McFall, Jack Schowalter, Megan Rosenberger, (she also received a special award from the Society of Analytical Chemists of Pittsburgh sponsored by Duquesne University), Ashley Corradene, (she also received a special award from Medrad for Excellence in Medical Research).

Eighth grader receiving a second award:

Holly Stein

A Peek at the Week . . .

Sunday	R C I A	8:30 AM	Church
	St. Anthony Guild Group Mass	10:30 AM	Church
	& Communion Breakfast	12:00 Noon	Hillcrest Country Club
	Junior Youth Group Meeting	11:30 AM	Upper Room
	Eucharistic Retreat (Parents & Children)	1:30 PM - 4:00 PM	MQA School
Monday	Faith First	6:00 PM - 7:30 PM	MQA School
	Ezekiel 37 Prayer Group	7:00 PM	Marble Hall
Tuesday	Bible Study	6:30 PM	Upper Room
Thursday	Set-Up for Fish Fry	9:00 AM	Marble Hall
	Adult Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM	Church
	Young Adults	7:30 PM	Upper Room
Friday	Fish Fry	11:00 AM - 7:00 PM	Marble Hall
	Stations of the Cross	7:00 PM	Church
Saturday	St. Vincent DePaul Meeting	9:00 AM	Library

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March 28/29

Altar Servers

Readers

Eucharistic Ministers

4:00 PM
Saturday

K & K Schreiber
J DeLuca

G Hall
L Henkel

K Oddis, M Atkinson, E Kronenwetter,
M Christopher, K Waltonbaugh, N & M Brock

8:30 AM
Sunday

H & C Lauff
K McNamee

M Martino

C & MJ Scheler, P Capo, J Hont,
J Rapsinski, E Perriello

10:30 AM
Sunday

N & D Guzzi
S Cropcho

P Lang
C Brennan

T Fazio, L Lynch, C Greco, F DeSocio,
A Meledandri, E Wittkopp, MJ Conforti

COLLECTION REPORT

Mass Attendance	994
Sunday Envelopes Used	573
Sunday Collection	\$10,964.00
EFT (16)	\$ 357.00

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54
 Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16
 Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40; Heb 10:4-10;
 Lk 1:26-38
 Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47
 Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
 Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53
 Sunday: Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33