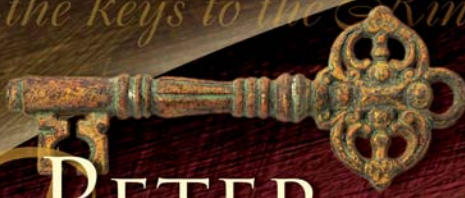


I will give you the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven

MOUNT SAINT PETER



A PARISH OF THE DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG



A PENNSYLVANIA CHARITABLE TRUST

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

5:30 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

August 16, 2009

A Litany of Generosity

Gracious God, give us generous hearts.

- to acknowledge you as the giver of all good gifts ...
- to give without counting the cost ...
- to share without expecting something in return ...
- to be wise in how we care for ourselves & others ...
- to hold all our treasures with open hands ...
- to align our life, love & time with the gospel ...
- to be gracious in our giving ...
- to recognize the abundant blessings of each day ...
- to offer the little we have, so that Jesus may multiply it to feed others ...
- to live as people of the Eucharist, giving thanks for everything ...
- to be happy having what we need ...
- to be wise enough to know what it is that we want but do not need ...
- to fall more deeply in love with the God of all generosity ...
- to be generous always in God's name ...

O gracious God, who lavishes our lives with goodness, create in our hearts a spirit of gratitude, a spirit so strong that sharing freely of our treasures becomes the norm and the pattern of our lives.

Remind us often of how much you cherish us, of how abundantly you have offered gifts to us, especially in the times of our greatest need.

May we always be grateful
for your reaching into our lives
with surprises of joy, growth, and unearned love.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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Jim Matta	Suzette Venturini

Finance Council

Mary Calvanese	Gregory Farrell
Daniel Casper	Thomas Roberts

Ronald Valasek



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.

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

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TWENTIETH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME + AUGUST 16 - 22, 2009
LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 15

5:30 PM Anthony Marsico
 (Angelo & Monica Bolcato)

Sunday, August 16 - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:45 AM *Rosary*
 8:30 AM Sylvester & Mary Lou Begolly
 10:30 AM All Living & Deceased Parishioners

Monday, August 17

8:30 AM Rochelle Dougherty
 (Mother, MaryJo R. Conforti)
 9:05 AM *Rosary*

Tuesday, August 18

8:30 AM Albert Suzio (Irene & Dolores Pjontek)
 9:05 AM *Rosary*

Wednesday, August 19 - St. John Eudes

8:30 AM Antoinette Como (Dan & Faye Mele)
 9:05 AM *Rosary*

Thursday, August 20 - St. Bernard

8:30 AM Jeffrey Thomas (Tracy Freedline)
 9:05 AM *Rosary*

Friday, August 21 - St. Pius X

8:30 AM Flocker Family (Jeanne Baughn)
 9:05 AM *Rosary*

Saturday, August 22 - Queenship of Mary

12:00 NN *Sacrament of Reconciliation*
 5:30 PM Isabel Kastelic (Family)

Sunday, August 23 - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:45 AM *Rosary*
 8:30 AM Rose Borrelli (Dorothy Provenzano)
 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

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

To be the Body of Christ in the world means that, like Jesus, we accompany those who suffer. To do so, we need sustenance that goes beyond mere food. As Father Damien of Molokai noted, "Were it not for the constant presence of our divine Master in our humble chapel, I would not have found it possible to persevere in sharing the lot of the lepers in Molokai. The Eucharist is at once the most eloquent proof of God's love and the most powerful means of fostering God's love in us."

Knowing that the call to discipleship requires such radical commitment, Jesus assured those who would follow him that to survive such ministry, their source of strength, joy, and perseverance had to be truly superhuman. Without it, his followers would be without the energy and hope needed to continue: "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you" (John 6:53).

The life that Jesus gives is the life of the resurrection - ultimately triumphant over the cruelties and sufferings life brings: "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day" (John 6:54).

Jesus calls us to walk with those who literally walk through the valley of death. Being sustained by the strength and nourishment of the Good Shepherd - the Bread of Life - allows us to do so as a way of life here and now that will continue into eternity.



PARISH NOTES

Festa Italiana

We give thanks to God for the good weather, the great food, the supportive crowd and the great success of this year's Festa. There were many positive comments all around from visitors and parishioners alike. It was wonderful to see so many people having a great time!

We also extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Festa Committee and all the volunteers who worked so hard to make the light of our parish shine so brightly during this annual event.

A note of special thanks is also extended to our patrons, sponsors, and to all who attended and helped to create such a wonderful sense of community.

Congratulations to our prize winners!

50/50 Raffle

- Thursday - Rose Jannello
- Friday - J. Costa
- Saturday - J. Peck

Grand Raffle

- \$250 - M/M Larry Simback
- \$250 - Anthony P. Mataldi
- \$500 - Marty Valchar
- \$2500 - Norma Mele

We extend a special note of gratitude to Norma Mele, John Peck and Larry and Nancy Simback for their generous donations back to the parish!

Festa 2009 Wrap Up Meeting

There will be a final meeting for Festa 2009 on **Thursday, August 27** at 7:00 PM in Marble Hall to celebrate the success of this year's Festa! The meeting is open to all Festa workers, and will include time to offer commendations for Festa 2009 and recommendations for Festa 2010.

Let's Stay Connected

Have you changed your phone number in the last several years? Have you changed to a cell number? We are finding many disconnected numbers when we are calling. Please call or e-mail the Parish Office your updated phone number.

Mass with Prayers for Healing

The Ezekiel 37 Prayer Group is sponsoring a Mass with prayers for healing celebrated by Fr. William Kiel on **Monday, August 24**, at 6:30 PM. Praise & Worship begins at 6:15 PM. All are welcome!

Baptism



We recently welcomed *Mary Rose Quinlan* into the Church through the saving waters of Baptism. We rejoice with her parents and with all who celebrate the gift of life in the family of God.

In Sympathy

We commend to your prayers *Marie DeLeo* and *Samuel Salvatore*, who died recently. May God welcome them to the joys of Paradise and bring comfort and peace to their families.



Sharing Faith With our Children

The parish Festa is part of the fabric of Mt. St. Peter. It's about tradition and heritage, favorite foods and recipes, hard work and fun.

For our children, there is a similar Festa: the Festa of faith. We want to share our Catholic traditions and stories. We want to pass on to the children our recipe for living as God's beloved children. We want to encourage them to join in the work of God's kingdom and to live with joy and generosity.

Faith First is our parish religious formation program. It meets on Monday evenings from 6 – 7:30 PM from September through the first week of May. It has wonderful catechists who share the stories, the traditions and the food of our sacramental life with the children.

But we still need additional catechists, catechetical aides, caretakers of the doors, the hallways, and the parking lot. If you are drawn to serve in one of these capacities, please contact Sister Susan, 724-335-9877, ext. 116 or sienny@dioceseofgreensburg.org. Thank you from the children! They hold the key to our faith Festa of the future.

Registration Forms for Faith First have been mailed to all parents. If you have not received one, please call the Parish Office to request one, or download the form from www.mountsaintpeter.org. Children should be registered **before** the first session of Faith First, which will be held on **Monday, September 14** at 6:00 PM with a *Family Night* in Church.



Youth Ministry



National Catholic Youth Conference:

Our youth have been working hard raising funds to support this wonderful experience for them in November. And you have been wonderful in your generous participation of all of their fund-raising efforts. Thank you! To date, we only need to raise about \$3,300 more in order to reach our goal of \$8,400. Reaching this goal means that each NCYC participant needs to contribute only \$250 towards the conference cost.



We will be sponsoring two

Krispy Kreme Donut Sales after each of the Sunday morning Masses **on August 23 and September 27**. As you leave Mass, youth will be available at the church doors with Krispy Kreme donuts, selling at \$7.00 per dozen (\$3.50 for a half dozen). Then, sometime in the fall, they will sponsor another Spaghetti Dinner. Once again, Thank You, for all your support and encouragement. We will continue to count on your prayers that we all may be open to God's Spirit as we work to further God's Kingdom, here on earth as it is in heaven.

Youth Ministry Advisory Board: The Youth Ministry Advisory Board will be meeting on **Sunday, August 30, in the Upper Room, following the 10:30AM Mass**. The YM Board will be reviewing the Youth Ministry Summer Fun Calendar and discuss the Fall & Early Winter Calendar.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Has someone recently questioned you about your faith? Don't be shy about inviting individuals to learn more about what may be the urgings of God's Holy Spirit. Spend time with them sharing your faith. If they wish to pursue their interests further, share with them the RCIA program and invite them to contact either Monsignor Begolly or Sister Valerie.



Infant Baptism Preparation

The next session for parents planning to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism with their infants will be on **September 10**. Please contact Sr. Valerie to register prior to the session.

Learning about Ramadan

This week marks the beginning of the month of Ramadan, a special time for our Muslim brothers and sisters throughout the world. Islam is a world religion that encompasses more than 20% of the global population.



Unfortunately, many Christians know very little about this religion. Usually it is understood only in terms of its most radical members, those who are often involved in activities of violence or terrorism.

However, the majority of religious Muslims are peaceful and prayerful. In fact, the word Islam is derived from two words that mean peace. These faithful believers in the one God (a belief shared with Jews and Christians) celebrate the month of Ramadan with three special practices. They undertake additional prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

Like Christians who observe the Lenten season in preparation for Easter, Muslims engage in similar disciplines to prepare for the feast of Eid-al-Fitr. This festival marks the day when God revealed the opening verses of the Qur'an to Mohammed.

Normally, the Muslim faithful pray five times a day: morning, noon, mid-day, evening and night. But during Ramadan, they extend their prayer times, some of the devout praying for hours through the night.

Fasting means eating nothing from dawn until nightfall. This literally means to refrain, to refrain from anything that distracts one from one's faith. It is a way to focus the believer more on God than on earthly matters.

And almsgiving to the poor, a regular requirement of the Muslim faith, is to be increased during the holy season, with a special sacrificial offering to be made on Eid-al-Fitr.

Finally, it is believed that all the good done by these practices can be undone if one lies, talks about others behind their backs, spreads gossip, or is greedy, selfish or covetous. Rather, the spiritual practices are meant to encourage the healing of relationships, acts of forgiveness, re-focus on one's faith in God, and meditation on the Qur'an.

Let us seek to learn more about Islam. Let us pray for Muslims throughout the world, that they may know and teach the peace on which their faith is based. Let us pray also for those who practice violence against others, that they may reclaim the true heart of their religious faith. Finally, let us pray for the lands most torn apart by religious extremism, that differences may be healed in peaceful ways.

Travel Committee



Pittsburgh Trips are scheduled for **September 3** and **October 1** for the new Rivers Casino. They will depart at 9:00 AM from Wards Parking Lot in Lower Burrell and leave the Casino at 6:00 PM. The cost is \$25 per person (\$15 Return). Call Sandy at 724-339-0710 or Jennie at 724-351-3575 as soon as possible for reservations.

Meadows Trip is planned for the new Meadows Casino on **September 17**. It will depart at 9:00 AM from Wards Parking Lot in Lower Burrell and leave the Casino at 6:00 PM. The cost is \$25 per person (\$15 Return). Call Sandy at 724-339-0710 or Jennie at 724-351-3575 as soon as possible for reservations.

Our Lady of the Alleghenies Amtrack Adventure is **Thursday, October 15** featuring the Horseshoe Curve, Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel, Mt. Assisi Sunken Gardens and Marian Shrines. Cost is \$89 per person and a \$40 deposit is due now to secure your reservation with the balance due by August 14. First come, first served. Bus departure is at 6:00 AM from Wards parking lot in Lower Burrell and arrival back home is at 8:30 PM. Contact Mary Calvanese for more information at 724-337-1863.

Pittsburgh Musical Review

A trip to Pittsburgh to see the award-winning musical review "Forever Plaid". The show will be at 2:00 PM on **Sunday, November 8**. Ticket order forms and specific information will be in the August 29-30 bulletin. Watch for more details.

OUT & ABOUT

St. Mary of Czestochowa Annual Novena

St. Mary's is having its annual Novena to Our Lady of Czestochowa starting on **Tuesday, August 18 at 7 PM** with Opening Mass & Novena Prayers and concludes on Wednesday, August 26 with a 12 Noon Closing Mass. All are welcome.

Schedule is as follows:

- Tuesday, **August 18**, 7:00 PM – Mass/Novena
- Wednesday, **August 19**, 12:00 PM – Mass/Novena
- Thursday, **August 20**, 12:00 PM – Mass/Novena
- Friday, **August 21**, 12:00 PM – Mass/Novena
- Saturday, **August 22**, 9:00 AM - Confessions
10:00 AM – Mass/Novena
- Sunday, **August 23** - Novena Prayers at all the Sunday Masses
- Monday, **August 24**, 12:00 PM – Mass/Novena
- Tuesday, **August 25**, 6:15 PM – Mass/Novena/
Ice Cream Social in Friendship Hall
- Wednesday, **August 26**, 12:00 PM - Closing Mass/Novena

Free Sunday Concert

Come to Memorial Park and enjoy an afternoon of music at **2:30 PM**. This is a free concert available to all sponsored by the City of New Kensington! Today, **August 16**, features the "Second Time Around Combo".



Natural Family Planning Instruction

CM-BBT is a medically based, highly effective NFP method that can be used to avoid, postpone or plan pregnancy. The next CM-BBT Method of Family Planning Session is scheduled for **Monday, August 17** at 6 PM at the Catholic Charities office in Greensburg. Call 724-837-1840 to register.

A Peek at the Week . . .

Monday	Ezekiel 37 Prayer Group	7:00 PM	Marble Hall
Tuesday	St. Anthony Guild Meeting	7:00 PM	Marble Hall
Wednesday	Addolorata Society Board Meeting	1:00 PM	Volunteer Room

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August 22/23	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>
5:30 PM Saturday	M, J & N Farrell	A Zito F Rapp	M & G Farrell, M Atkinson, N & M Brock, P LaRussa, E Kronenwetter
8:30 AM Sunday	H Perriello, L Capone S Cropcho	V Bruni G Hall	P Smith, E Perriello, J & L Matta, R Bruni, P Capo
10:30 AM Sunday	A & J Carosella A Livorio	M Kulik F Livorio	S & J Simoni, L Gatto, MJ Conforti, J Casper, E Wittkopp, F DeSocio

COLLECTION REPORT

Mass Attendance	900
Sunday Envelopes Used	557
Sunday Collection	\$12,484
EFT (19)	\$ 392

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Jgs 2:11-19; Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday:	Jgs 6:11-24a; Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday:	Jgs 9:6-15; Mt 20:1-16
Thursday:	Jgs 11:29-39a; Mt 22:1-14
Friday:	Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Mt 22:34-40
Saturday:	Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Mt 23:1-12
Sunday:	Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Eph 5:21-32; Jn 6:60-69