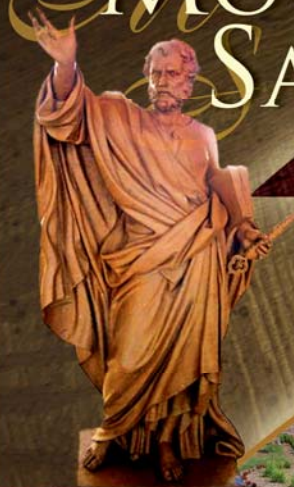


*I will give you the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven*

# 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**

**November 29, 2009**

From Mary's sweet silence  
Come, Word gently spoken!

Pledge of our real life,  
Come, Bread yet unbroken!

Seed of Golden Wheat,  
In us be sown.

Fullness of true Light,  
Through us be known.

Secret held tenderly,  
Guarded from above,

Cradled in purity,  
Child of Love,

**Come, Lord Jesus, Come!**

# Directory for Mount Saint Peter Parish

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Mary Calvanese	Gregory Farrell
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Ronald Valasek	



**Mary Queen of Apostles School**  
 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.

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

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|--------------------------------------|---|
| <b>Addolorata Society</b>            | Georganne Stearman<br>724-339-1235        |
| <b>Altar Servers</b>                 | Msgr. Michael Begolly<br>724-335-9877     |
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| <b>Lenten Fish Fry</b>               | Sandy Laney<br>724-339-0710               |
| <b>Liturgical Ministry Schedules</b> | Amy Gablick<br>724-337-0437               |
| <b>Men's Bowling League</b>          | Robert Susini<br>724-337-8464             |
| <b>Mercy Meals</b>                   | Sue Lascola<br>CALL PARISH OFFICE         |
| <b>Music Ministry</b>                | Thomas Octave<br>724-335-9877 x 120       |
| <b>Soup for the Soul</b>             | Phyllis Bordell<br>724-335-0345           |
| <b>Soup Tuesdays</b>                 | Patt LaRussa<br>724-335-1860              |
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| <b>Ushers</b>                        | Anthony Bellavia<br>724-339-8847          |
| <b>Young Adult Ministry</b>          | Sr. Valerie Zottola<br>724-335-9877 x 115 |
| <b>Youth Ministry</b>                | Sr. Valerie Zottola<br>724-335-9877 x 115 |

# FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT + NOVEMBER 29 - DECEMBER 5, 2009

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

### Saturday, November 28

4:00 PM Carmen Muto (Toni Ferrazzoli)

### Sunday, November 29 - First Sunday of Advent

7:45 AM *Rosary*

8:30 AM Sandy Ruffner & Michael Smith (Family)

10:30 AM All Living & Deceased Parishioners

### Monday, November 30 - St. Andrew

8:30 AM Rosetta Marino (Rose Albini)

9:05 AM *Rosary*

### Tuesday, December 1

8:30 AM Mary Eileen Blair (Family)

9:05 AM *Rosary*

### Wednesday, December 2

8:30 AM Berna Landis (Family)

9:05 AM *Rosary*

7:00 PM *First Reconciliation*

### Thursday, December 3 - St. Francis Xavier

8:30 AM Mazziotti, Chiarelli & Chiappetta Family Deceased (Carmella Mazziotti)

9:05 AM *Rosary*

### Friday, December 4 - St. John of Damascus

8:30 AM Gallo & Moresi Family Deceased (Family)

9:05 AM *Rosary*

### Saturday, December 5

11:00 AM *First Reconciliation*

12:00 NN *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

4:00 PM Jean Nicastro (St. Anthony Guild)

### Sunday, December 6 - Second Sunday of Advent

7:45 AM *Rosary*

8:30 AM Deceased Flocker Family (M/M Dom Flocker)

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

## Advent

The pre-Christmas frenzy can be quite exhausting. What should be a joyful season of expectation often turns into a dreaded time of obligation. There's so much to do and so little time! With our minds on all the details of our holiday schedules and activities, we can miss the presence of God among us. Today's Gospel reminds us to be vigilant, to watch, lest we miss what is most important in this season and in our lives.

This Advent, make it a practice to start each day with your spiritual wits about you. As you read the paper, listen to the news, get ready for work or ride to school, try to notice the signs of God's presence around you.

Strengthened by the love of God that we celebrate at the Eucharist on Sunday, try to be mindful of someone or something that needs your attention. Offer a prayer, lend a hand, or speak a word of encouragement.

Be a sign of hope in the midst of our weary world!



**Be vigilant and pray at all times!**

### PARISH NOTES

#### Baptism

We recently welcomed

**Emily Marie Marino & Caden Matthew Shurina**



into the Church through the saving waters of Baptism. We rejoice with their parents and with all who celebrate the gift of life in the family of God.

#### In Sympathy

We commend to your prayers

**Joseph Albanese**

who died recently. May God welcome him to the joys of Paradise and bring comfort and peace to his family.



#### First Reconciliation

#### An Advent Prayer

In this and every year,  
in this and every place,  
O God everlasting,  
your Word resounds in  
the wilderness of Advent,  
calling us to stand upon the height  
and to behold the splendor of your beauty.



Fill in the valleys of our sorrow and  
bring low the mountains of our pride.

Prepare in our hearts  
your way of righteousness and peace.

Let our love become a harvest of goodness  
which you will bring to completion  
in the day of Christ Jesus,  
who was, who is, and who is to come,  
your Son who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, forever and ever.

Amen.

On Wednesday evening and Saturday morning this week, we will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time with children who are preparing to celebrate Confirmation and first Communion in the Spring.

The children began preparing for this wonderful sacrament of God's saving love by returning to where it all began: the waters of Baptism.

In these life-giving waters, we were all named and claimed as the beloved children of God! But as we grow older, we know that we do not always live in light of our baptismal dignity. There are times that we act like spoiled children, rather than loving ones.

But God loves us so much, that even when we sin, he sends Jesus, the Good Shepherd to forgive us, to lead us back to the flock, and to strengthen us with his Spirit.

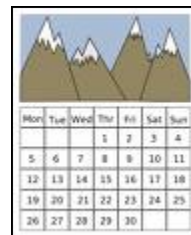
May we follow our children's example and celebrate this sacrament of God's love as we prepare for the great Feast of Christmas

#### St. Anthony Guild Advent Brunch

The annual brunch will be held next Sunday, **December 6**, at Hillcrest Country Club at Noon. For reservations, please call Cheryl Randolph at 724-339-1559 by November 30.

#### St. Anthony Guild Cash Calendar Raffle

The St. Anthony Guild is selling tickets for a "Cash Calendar Raffle" to be held in February 2010. A \$20 raffle ticket will give you a chance to win, based on the 7PM PA Lottery Number during the month of February. Each raffle card contains 4 different numbers. Cash prizes start at \$50. Proceeds benefit charitable works of the Guild. For further information or to purchase raffle tickets, please contact Kim Oddis at 724-335-0558.



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

#### Addolorata Society Dinner

The annual Addolorata Society Luncheon will be held on Sunday, **December 13**, at 12:00 NN in Marble Hall. Cost is \$15 per person. Tickets will be available in the Parish Office during the week from 9:00 AM to 12 NN and 1:00 to 5:00 PM, and in Marble Hall after all Masses on Saturday and Sunday, November 29 & 30 and December 6 and 7. No tickets will be sold at the door. Deadline for tickets is Monday, December 8.



**Ryan's Dinner**

Please mark your calendar for a spaghetti dinner benefiting a MQA Kindergarten Student recently diagnosed with Pediatric Crohn's Disease.



It will be held on

**Saturday, December 5** from 5:15 PM to 7:30 PM in Marble Hall. Cost is \$7.50 for Adults; \$3.50 for Children. Take outs are also available. *(Dinner includes spaghetti with homemade sauce, salad, bread, dessert and a beverage)*

There will be a 50/50 Raffle and Chinese Auction. Tickets available at the door. Advance Tickets are also on sale at the MQA office and the Parish Office.

**Youth Ministry**

**ALL PARISHIONERS** are invited to Marble Hall on **Sunday, December 6** following 10:30AM Mass. Come and add this to your Family Advent preparations. Join us for a ½ hour or so to enjoy some refreshments and hear the 'Good News' of God's activity in our youth at the 2009 National Catholic Youth Conference. You have shared this journey of faith with our youth by your generous support in fund-raisers and prayer. Now allow them "to give a little back." It's a good opportunity for younger youth who may be curious about this experience to learn first-hand about it and to begin saving their 'pennies' for NCYC, 2011.



**Christmas Fruit Basket Delivery:** As you know, every year our youth join with parishioners to deliver Christmas Fruit Baskets donated by the Addolorata Society to our homebound parishioners. **On Saturday, December 12 at 9:30AM**, we will all meet in Marble Hall for this wonderful expression of our love and support to our homebound parishioners. If you are able to give about an hour of your time and care on December 12, please sign up on the sheet posted in the back of the church at the December 5-6 weekend Masses, or call Sister Valerie.

**Junior Youth Group:** Junior Youth Group will next gather on **Sunday, December 13**, regular time, regular place.

**Welcome Home, Collegians!**

**Mt. St. 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. St. Peter Church to withdraw the amount indicated above until I notify the parish otherwise.*

Signature of Account Holder

Date

**Travel Committee**

**Meadows Trip** is planned for the Meadows Casino on **December 3**.

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 724-339-0710 or Jennie 724-351-3575 for reservations.



**New Year's Eve Rivers Casino Extravaganza**

A motor coach trip to the Rivers Casino is being planned for **December 31**. Cost is \$25 per person (\$25 Return). Pick up at Wards Parking Lot at 6:15 PM and MSP Parking Lot at 6:30 PM. The bus will leave the Casino at approximately 1:30 AM. Call Jennie 724-351-3575 or Sandy 724-339-0710.

**Upcoming Amtrak's Capitol Limited Train Trip**

On **April 16 - 17**, to the Shrines & Sights of Washington, DC to include the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Arlington Cemetery, Franciscan Monastery & Gardens, DC's Monuments & Memorials - WW II Memorial, Vietnam Memorial and others. Details including price and reservation deadlines to appear in coming weeks.

**M Q A SCHOOL**

**Patriot's Pen Competition**

Three students at Mary Queen of Apostles School, New Kensington, received awards in the recently held Veterans of Foreign Wars, Patriot's Pen Competition. This nationwide competition gives students the opportunity to express their views on democracy in a 300-400 word essay. This year's theme was "When is the Right Time to Honor Our Military Heroes?"

The following students are local winners of VFW Post 92, Lower Burrell. First place winner was Leo Capone, grade 6, son of Thomas and Martha Capone of New Kensington.. He received a \$300.00 award. Runners Up are Gabe Schroeder, grade 8, son of Edward and Maryellen Schroeder of Tarentum, and Megan Christ, grade 8, daughter of Edward and Laura Christ of Plum. They each received a \$150.00 award. All three students will advance to the district and county levels of competition.

Teacher moderators are Mrs. Christina Marietta and Mrs. Evelyn Quade.

*A Peek at the Week . . .*

Sunday	First Sunday in Advent		
Monday	No Faith First Ezekiel 37 Prayer Group SAG Angel Tree Shopping Day	7:00 PM	Marble Hall
Tuesday	Set-Up for Foodbank Faith Sharing Group Capital Campaign Meeting	9:00 AM 6:30 PM 6:00 PM	Marble Hall Upper Room Church Office
Wednesday	MSP Foodbank First Reconciliation	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM 7:00 PM	Marble Hall Church
Thursday	MQA School Mass Angel Tree Wrap Night Adult Choir Rehearsal	8:30 AM 5:00 PM 7:00 PM	Church Marble Hall Church
Friday	Distribution of Angel Tree Bags Ryan's Spaghetti Dinner Preparation	11:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Marble Hall Marble Hall
Saturday	Ryan's Spaghetti Dinner First Reconciliation	5:15 PM 11:00 AM	Marble Hall Church
Sunday	St. Anthony Guild Advent Luncheon	12:00 Noon	Hillcrest Country Club

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<b>December 5/6</b>	<b><u>Altar Servers</u></b>	<b><u>Readers</u></b>	<b><u>Eucharistic Ministers</u></b>
5:30 PM Saturday	B & K Sadecky C Pujol	G Hall Sr. Susan	M & C Collett, K Oddis, C Kestner
8:30 AM Sunday	A & L Capone H Lauff	V Bruni M Collett	P Capo, E Solomon, C & MJ Scheler
10:30 AM Sunday	M & N Cecchetti A Livorio	M Jacob F Livorio	K Cecchetti, L Fiorina, M Christopher, E Wittkopp, D FeSocio

**COLLECTION REPORT**

Due to an early publication deadline for the Thanksgiving holiday, the collection report for November 22 will be published in next week's bulletin.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22  
 Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24  
 Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37  
 Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27  
 Friday: Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31  
 Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35 —  
 10:1, 5a, 6-8  
 Sunday: Bar 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11;  
 Lk 3:1-6