

*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**

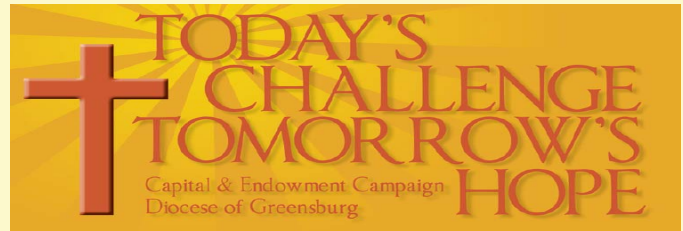
**AT NOON**

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

**9:00 AM - NOON**

**1:00 PM - 5:00 PM**

**December 27, 2009**



## **Capital Campaign Reaches ONE MILLION DOLLARS!**

Thanks to the generosity of 570 parish families, we surpassed our parish goal of one million dollars last Monday!

This is a remarkable accomplishment for our parish and one that all the members of our parish can certainly be proud.

Dennis DiCicco and Jenn Lombardo chaired the Parish Leadership Team, whose efforts, along with a dedicated group of campaign volunteers helped us reach our goal.

Congratulations to the team for a job well done!

We are extremely grateful to all who supported this campaign with their prayers and sacrificial gifts. Thanks for accepting today's challenge for the honor and glory of God and the future of our parish and diocese.

# Directory for Mount Saint Peter Parish

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Karen Frederick	Ted Opalka
Linda Henkel	Jim Palochik
Bill Kennedy	Frank Rapp
Jennifer Lombardo	Maria Tallarico
Jim Matta	Suzette Venturini

### Finance Council

Mary Calvanese	Gregory Farrell
Daniel Casper	Thomas Roberts
Ronald Valasek	



**Mary Queen of Apostles School**  
 Catherine M. Collett, Principal  
 Pre-K - 8th Grade  
[www.mqaschool.org](http://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.

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

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| <b>Addolorata Society</b>            | Sandy Laney<br>724-339-0710               |
| <b>Altar Servers</b>                 | Msgr. Michael Begolly<br>724-335-9877     |
| <b>Disciples of Vincent DePaul</b>   | Karl Strittmatter<br>CALL PARISH OFFICE   |
| <b>Environment &amp; Art</b>         | Virginia Mrvan<br>724-335-3181            |
| <b>Faith First Coordinator</b>       | 724-335-9877                              |
| <b>Festa Committee</b>               | Frank Robertson<br>724-335-1378           |
| <b>Food Bank</b>                     | Rena Beroni<br>724-335-9877               |
| <b>Gardeners of Eden</b>             | Ann Grogno<br>724-335-0789                |
| <b>Holy Name Society</b>             | Scott Laney<br>724-339-0710               |
| <b>Homebound Ministry</b>            | Pat Policastro<br>724-335-9877 x 117      |
| <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              |
| <b>St. Anthony Guild</b>             | Suzette Venturini<br>724-339-8621         |
| <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 |

**THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS + DECEMBER 27, 2009 - JANUARY 2, 2010**  
LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

**Saturday, December 26**

4:00 PM Joseph Bosco (Diane Coury & Family)

**Sunday, December 27**

7:45 AM Rosary  
8:30 AM Albert Suzio (John Knosky)  
10:30 AM All Living & Deceased Parishioners

**Monday, December 28**

8:30 AM Mary E. Carricato  
(Dennis & Cindy Marsili)  
9:05 AM Rosary

**Tuesday, December 29**

8:30 AM Thomas Bruno (Al Perkowski)  
9:05 AM Rosary

**Wednesday, December 30**

8:30 AM Frank & Gaily Santarelli (Family)  
9:05 AM Rosary

**Thursday, December 31 - New Year's Eve**

4:00 PM Paletta, Tosto, & Prazenica Deceased  
(Family)

**Friday, January 1**

10:30 AM All Living & Deceased Parishioners

**Saturday, January 2**

12:00 NN Sacrament of Reconciliation  
4:00 PM Vincenzina Caralano Caporale &  
Giuseppe Lombardo (Family)

**Sunday, January 3**

7:45 AM Rosary  
8:30 AM Carmen Pagano  
(Jane Enciso & Leonard & Lena Chakan)  
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
Wednesday	5:00 - 6:15 PM	St. Joseph
Friday	11:00 - 12:00 NN	St. Mary

**The Holy Family**

God so cared for the human family that God gave us his only-begotten Son; we show our acceptance of membership in God's family by caring for each other. Of course, this begins with our own family members. This feast calls us to care for one another in practical ways.

Perhaps this means phoning an elder relative who lives alone or is in a retirement center or nursing home. Maybe this means sharing time more generously, pitching in to help without being asked, or listening more intently to each other. At the same time these family ways of showing caring relationships are "practice" for what is even more important: recognition that in Christ we are all brothers and sisters. "Our own" must include the family of humanity. May we seek to see all people as our brothers and sisters in Christ.



**Coming Home**



Holy Family Sunday celebrates God with us now, present in our households and family relationships. We speak of "coming home," yet home is often strained by more goings than comings. Taking the children to doctors, dentists and school events; the demands of work; grocery shopping and volunteer meetings - all these can make us strangers to our home and to one another.

Take time to be mindful of each person in your home. Plan meals together and talk to one another. These practices help to ease our harried pace and keep us aware of God's presence in those closest to us.

**PARISH NOTES**

**Baptism**

We recently welcomed

**Jovie Michelle Cagnacci**

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

**Regis Jablonski, Angela Manganelli, Tamara Geisler & Frank Marino**, uncle of Erve

Marino, Norma Marino & Loretta Gatto, who died recently. May God welcome them to the joys of Paradise and bring comfort and peace to their families.



**A Family Blessing  
for the Feast of the Holy Family**

Gracious God,  
you gave us your Son Jesus as our brother.  
In baptism we too  
have become your children,  
adopted as members of your family.

Thank you for all the love we have shared,  
through good times and tough times.  
Thank you for this upcoming new year,  
with its blessings and challenges  
now unknown to us.

As a family,  
strengthen us to say “yes”  
to all that can be in Christ.  
Help us to treat each other  
with patience and kindness  
that in joy  
our family might share the peace of Christ  
with our neighbors  
and with the world.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.



**A Night of Knights Gala**

Save the date! This year’s event will be Saturday, **March 13**. Plan to join us for an enjoyable evening as we celebrate and support our school! We are accepting donations for our auctions, please contact: Robert Heinle, [Robert.heinle@yahoo.com](mailto:Robert.heinle@yahoo.com), (gala chairperson) or Carly Opaska, [copaska@verizon.net](mailto:copaska@verizon.net), (solicitation chairperson).

**Blessed are the Peacemakers!**

*Terrorism . . . Taliban . . . Jihad . . . Afghanistan  
Palestine . . . Muslims . . . Jews*

Our news is filled with these words/messages. The birthplace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, is filled with fear and conflict affecting all of us. And Jesus proclaimed **Blessed are the Peacemakers**.

We cannot help but experience confusion and anxiety; one news reports it one way and another reports it a bit differently. What do we believe? Who do we believe? How does this affect my life, anyway—besides stirring up anxieties and fears?

Matthew Sudnik, a local young adult, spent some time this past summer in Egypt. Matthew teaches at Central Catholic High School. He is a graduate from Harvard University Divinity School with a Masters in Theological Studies in Christianity and Culture and received his Bachelors Degree from The Catholic University of America. Matthew has helped cities in the U.S. develop Peace Camp, which some of our collegians and high school parishioners participated in this summer. Most of all, Matthew is passionate about the Gospel, and particularly in his quest for world peace.



Join us on **Sunday, January 10**, following the 10:30 AM Mass in Marble Hall. We will begin with some light refreshments and fellowship, followed by Matthew’s presentation, *How Can a Catholic’s Faith Be Enhanced Through an Understanding of Islam?*

**Youth Ministry**

**Senior Youth:** Instead of our usual gathering on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month, both Junior and Senior Youth are encouraged to participate with their families and other parishioners in the



*Peacemaking Series*. The first part of the series will be held on **Sunday, January 10**, following the 10:30 AM Mass, beginning with fellowship and refreshments in Marble Hall.

MANY THANKS!

The beginning of a new year is a time to look ahead to all that the future holds in store. It is also a time to look back on the past with gratitude for the many blessings we have already received, especially in this Advent / Christmas season:

- Addolorata Society - for their generous pledge to the Capital Campaign, their Christmas donation to the parish, their ongoing ministry of providing the beautiful candles to those enlightened by Christ in Baptism; and the comfort they bring to grieving families by the Mercy Meal Workers.
• Capital Campaign Team and Workers - for accepting the challenge of providing hope for the future, and for the hard work in raising ONE MILLION DOLLARS for our parish and diocese.
• Catechists and Teachers - whose weekly commitment ensures that the light of faith will be passed on to our youth;
• Cherubim and Seraphim (Contributors to the Angel Tree Project) and members of the St. Anthony Guild - whose generosity brightened the lives of 122 children and 40 families in our community;
• Environment and Art Group - for their outstanding efforts to create a prayerful environment for Advent and Christmas, and for their spectacular work to decorate the church, including the creche in the Chapel of the Seven Sacraments;
• Ezekiel 37 Prayer Group - for their ongoing prayers on behalf of the parish and their generous Christmas donation to the parish
• Festa Italiana Committee and Workers and the Lenten Fish Fry Committee and Workers - for their hard work to build community and raise funds for the parish;
• Food Bank Workers and those who made a donation to the Parish Food Bank - for their dedication and their ongoing ministry to feed the hungry in our midst;
• Flower Fund Contributors - for exceptional generosity in enhancing the beauty of the liturgical environment;
• Holy Name Society - for their generous pledge to the Capital Campaign.
• Liturgical Ministers - for the faithful and dedicated service of readers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, sacristans, servers, and ushers in our Sunday celebration of the Eucharist, and for the dedicated service of our funeral ministers;
• Ministers of Holy Communion to the Homebound for their regular visits to parishioners who are unable to come to church; to the members of the St. Anthony Guild and Youth Ministry for their gift and delivery of Christmas Fruit Baskets to the homebound; and to the Disciples of Vincent DePaul members for their ministry to those who are hospitalized;
• Musicians - for the long hours of practice, and for helping the entire assembly sing a joyful song to the Lord;
• Pastoral Council and Finance Council Members - for their commitment to honor the past as we work in the present to vision for the future;
• Soup Tuesday Workers - whose weekly efforts this fall raised funds for the Food Bank / Parish Emergency Assistance Fund to help those in need in our community;
• Soup for the Soul Volunteers, who bring comfort food to those parishioners recently discharged from the hospital;
• Volunteers who offer their service on a regular basis as Money Counters, Gardeners, Maintenance and Office Help;

And finally, to all our faithful parishioners - whose presence and support during this holy season and throughout the year bear witness to the abundance of God's love in our midst.

*MSP Travel Committee*



Join the MSP Travel Team to tour the "Shrines & Sights of Washington, DC" on April 16 & 17. Take the Amtrak "Capitol Limited" to DC and return by deluxe motor coach the next day. Cost is \$329 per person for double occupancy, \$325 for triple occupancy. Single cost also available. Trip includes all motorcoach & Amtrak transportation, 1 night lodging, 2 meals, all sightseeing, entrance fees and more. See DC's monuments, as well as Arlington National Cemetery. We also visit the National Shrine where we will celebrate Mass for our group. Stop by the parish office for a brochure or contact Karen at (724)337-0314 or email at [karon1121@yahoo.com](mailto:karon1121@yahoo.com). Deposit (\$50) due by January 24. (Please note that this trip will require extensive walking.) Trip cancellation insurance is available.

**2010 Oberammergau Passion Play**

Beginning **June 24, 2010**. Highlights of the trip will include visits to the cities of Prague, Vienna, Budapest and a Danube River Cruise. For more information, please contact: Dolly Regoli at 724-337-8605 or [dregoli@verizon.net](mailto:dregoli@verizon.net).

**OUT & ABOUT**

**St. Joseph Church and St. Mary of Czestochowa Church** will present "The Epiphany Experience," **Sunday, January 10**, at 4:00 PM in St. Joseph Church. The experience will consist of readings and carols, live animals, choral anthems, and tableaux ... plus fellowship and blessings. A social will follow in the school cafeteria. For more information, call 724-337-6412.

**March for Life** - St. Mary Church has chartered coach buses for a day trip to March for Life, **Friday, January 22**. We will depart at 6 AM and return at approximately 11:30 PM. Breakfast and buffet dinner included. Join us to pray and act on behalf of the unborn, especially in the current political climate. Participants have two options: to spend the day at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and Mass at 2 PM with Father Karenbauer, or to attend the rally and March to the Capitol and Supreme Court. To register, contact the parish office at 724-335-8212 or e-mail [gpecoraro@stmarynk](mailto:gpecoraro@stmarynk) for more about costs and other details.

*A Peek at the Week . . .*

Monday	Parish Office Closed No Faith First No Ezekiel 37 Prayer Group		
Tuesday	Preparation for New Year's Eve Communion Service No Faith Sharing	9:00 AM 2:15 PM	Marble Hall Presby. Sr. Care
Wednesday	Preparation for New Year's Eve	9:00 AM	Marble Hall
Thursday	<b>Mass: New Year's Eve</b> New Year's Eve Party Trip to Rivers Casino	<b>4:00 PM</b> 5:00 PM 6:30 PM	<b>Church</b> Marble Hall Pittsburgh
Friday	<b>New Year's Day Mass</b> Parish Office Closed	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Church</b>

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**January 2-3**

**Altar Servers**

**Readers**

**Eucharistic Ministers**

4:00 PM  
Saturday

M, N & J Farrell  
C Pujol

F Rapp  
N Brock

C Kestner, M Lifka, K Waltonbaugh,  
P LaRussa

8:30 AM  
Sunday

B, E, & R Kennedy  
M Pavilonis

R Bruni  
L Henkel

E Perriello, J Hont, E Solomon, LChakan

10:30 AM  
Sunday

C Brennan, K Gablick  
B & K Sadecky

D Orlowski  
M Jacob

M Christopher, A Regoli, L Fiorina,  
J Kleckner, K Cecchetti

**COLLECTION REPORT**

Due to an early publication deadline for the Christmas holiday, the collection report for December 20th will be published in next week's bulletin.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Mt 2:13-18  
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35  
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40  
 Thursday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18  
 Friday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67; Gal 4:4-7;  
 Lk 2:16-21  
 Saturday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28  
 Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6;  
 Mt 2:1-12