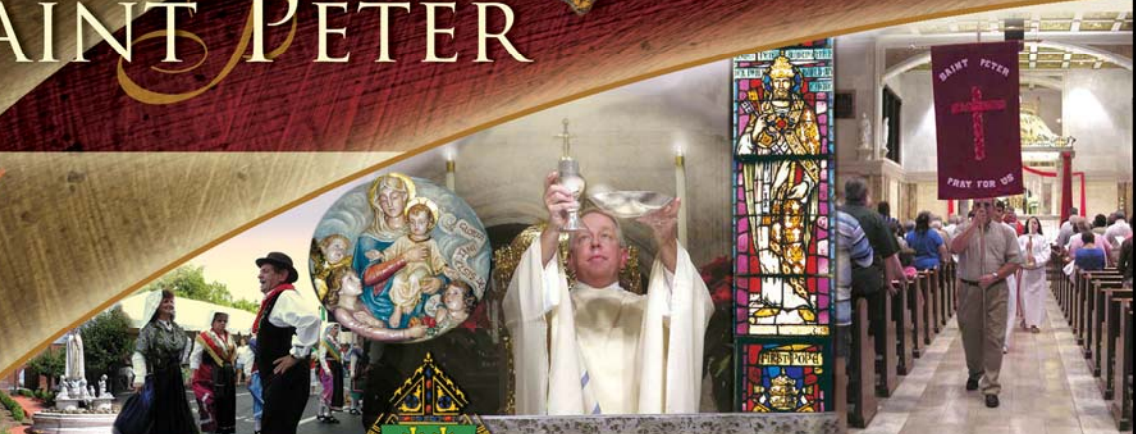
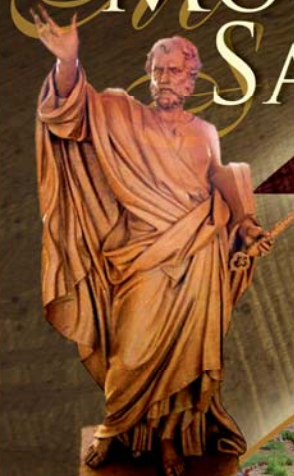


*I will give you the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven*

# MOUNT SAINT PETER



A PARISH OF THE DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG



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## 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 3, 2010

### Into the House

Notice how the magi found Jesus "on entering the house." The door to your house is the door to where God lives!

You can bless your house - and all who enter it this new year - by inscribing a prayer above your front door. With a piece of chalk or a lump of coal, inscribe this above the doors to your home:

20 + C + M + B + 10

Legend has it that the letters stand for the names of the magi - Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. Blessing your doorways in January is appropriate. The Latin word *janus* means portal or doorway, and January is the doorway to the coming year of faith.



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**Mary Queen of Apostles School**  
 Catherine M. Collett, Principal  
 Pre-K - 8th Grade  
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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>            | 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   |
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| <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               |
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| <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 |

**CHRISTMAS - EPIPHANY SEASON + JANUARY 3 - 9, 2010**  
**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, January 2**

4:00 PM Vincenzina Catalano Caporale & Giuseppe Lombardo (Family)

**Sunday, January 3 - Epiphany of the Lord**

7:45 AM *Rosary*  
 8:30 AM Carmen Pagano (Jane Enciso & Leonard & Lena Chakan)  
 10:30 AM All Living & Deceased Parishioners

**Monday, January 4 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**

8:30 AM Special Intention (Sr. Susan Jenny)  
 9:05 AM *Rosary*

**Tuesday, January 5 - St. John Neumann**

8:30 AM Gabrielle Mazzotta (Mary DeLuca & Family)  
 9:05 AM *Rosary*

**Wednesday, January 6 - St. Andre Bessette**

8:30 AM Ermanno Giacinto & Sophia Petruzzo (Maria Petruzzo)  
 9:05 AM *Rosary*

**Thursday, January 7 - St. Raymond of Penafort**

8:30 AM Dominick Mangini (Wife, Connie)  
 9:05 AM *Rosary*

**Friday, January 8**

8:30 AM William Abati (Dominic Mele)  
 9:05 AM *Rosary*

**Saturday, January 9**

12:00 NN Sacrament of Reconciliation  
 4:00 PM Sisters, Josephine, Rose & Mary (Ralph & Terri Varrato)

**Sunday, January 10 - The Baptism of the Lord**

7:45 AM *Rosary*  
 8:30 AM Ernest Sauro (M/M Peter Turano)  
 10:30 AM All Living & Deceased Parishioners  
*Sacrament of Baptism*

**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 King of Glory Comes!**

In our country, we gave up celebrating kings right around the time of the Boston Tea Party. Our national story was framed against the notion that kings are better than anybody else. That royal blood makes you a natural leader is a mythology we deliberately avoid - though we still flirt with it now and again with some presidential families.

So maybe it's hard for us to imagine that the world might go upside down at the birth of a royal boy - child. That leaders from around the world would set out on arduous journeys with nothing more than a star to guide them, just to pay their respects. Maybe we don't appreciate Herod's predicament, hearing secondhand that a new king of the Jews has just been born - and it isn't a son of his.

If we don't know Herod's history, we might not know just how fearful he's been from the start of being upstaged and replaced. His hold on the throne has always been tenuous. His mother was Arabian; his father from a group of transplants never accepted as really Jewish. Herod acquired his kingdom by Roman decree but still had to go to war for three years to win it even after Rome did the paperwork. His determination to maintain power led him to execute members of his own family, including his brother, wife, and several sons. If he wasn't above the execution of his own children, why should he care about the slaughter of anyone else's?

Herod needn't have bothered. In the end the traitor who would do him in would be his own body in the form of disease. And a son of his, Herod Antipas, would sit on his throne after all. Worldly power is fleeting, and no matter how exaggerated the lengths we go to acquire and retain it, it will slip away in short order. What Herod didn't grasp and what we're all likely to forget is that there is an authority that is eternal, infinite, and unquestionable. The new king Herod feared would be the only king that ultimately matters. The kingdom coming would reduce the significance of every earthly kingdom to ashes.

This knowledge is what made the Magi so wise. Despite their revered status in their own countries, they crossed long distances at great cost to bow their heads and surrender their treasure to a ruler whose authority they could read in the heavens. They valued learning, looked for signs, and paid attention to dreams. The Magi were wise because they knew they didn't know everything. Humility is the only path to wisdom. And only those willing to be led will arrive at the truth.

## PARISH NOTES

### Baptism

We recently welcomed  
**Elizabeth Marie Kleckner**  
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  
**Karen Madden**  
who died recently. May God  
welcome her to the joys of  
Paradise and bring comfort and  
peace to her family.



### Upcoming Concert at MSP

A Violin Concert is scheduled for **Saturday, January 16**, at 5:30 PM. Come and join violinist Dawn Posey as she celebrates her Farotti violin's 100 birthday! Dawn will be playing music from the time period her violin was created - 1909. The concert will feature works from Bacewicz, Debussy, Brahms, Alveniz, Martinu and Rebecca Clark. Our organist, Gabe D'Abruzzo, will be the accompanist. Free - and open to the public.

### 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. **NOTE:** There is a typographical error on the calendar. February 2010 starts on a Monday and not on a Thursday. We will be awarding winnings based on the DATE and not on the day for the 7 PM lottery drawing. For further information or to purchase raffle tickets, please contact Kim Oddis - 724-335-0558.

### Infant Baptism

As you anticipate the birth of your new child, remember to contact Sister Valerie to make an appointment to meet with her regarding the needed preparations for your child's Baptism. It is recommended that you contact her about 4 months prior to your baby's due birthdate.

## Epiphany Proclamation

The glory of the Lord has shone upon us,  
and ever shall manifest itself among  
us, until the day of his return.  
Through the rhythms and changes of  
time, let us call to mind and live the  
mysteries of salvation.

The center of the whole liturgical year is  
the Paschal Triduum of the Lord,  
crucified, buried and risen, which will  
culminate in the solemn Vigil of  
Easter, during the holy night that will  
end with the dawn of the 4th of  
April. Every Sunday, as in a weekly  
Easter, holy church makes present  
that great and saving deed by which  
Christ has forever conquered sin and  
death.

From Easter there comes forth and are  
reckoned all the days we keep holy:  
Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the  
lenten spring, the 17th of February;  
The Ascension of the Lord, the 13th  
of May; and Pentecost, the 23rd of  
May; and the First Sunday of Advent,  
the 28th of November.

Likewise in the feasts of the holy  
Mother of God, of the apostles and  
saints, and in the commemoration of  
the faithful departed, the pilgrim  
church on earth proclaims the  
resurrection of Jesus Christ our  
Lord.

To Christ who was, who is, and who is to  
come, the Lord of time and history,  
be endless praise forever and ever!  
Amen!

## Youth Ministry



### Blessed are the Peacemakers.

**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.

**Make Your Reservations NOW.** On **Saturday, January 23**, MSP Families are invited to a fun day with your family, and other parishioners/families. Details can be found on the youth page link of the parish web site or on the sandwich board in the back of the Church. All reservations are due to Sister Valerie no later than **Wednesday, January 6**.



### Muslims & Jews . . . Terrorism . . . The Taliban . . . A Jihad . . . Afghanistan . . . Palestine . . . West Bank ?

Are you like the rest of us? Confused, anxious, and sometimes angry at all these news reports, often conflicting in themselves? And, Jesus proclaimed:



### **Blessed are the Peacemakers.**

On **Sunday, January 10**, following 10:30 AM Mass with refreshments and then a presentation by Matthew Sudnik, we will be given an opportunity to learn more about the meaning of all of this for us, Catholics. Matthew, a local young adult, recently spent sometime in Egypt, trying to answer some of his questions in this regard. He would like to share his discoveries with us.

Matthew teaches at Central Catholic H.S. in Pittsburgh. His Masters degree in Theological Studies in Christianity and Culture is from Harvard University Divinity School. Matthew has taken leadership in the establishment of the Summer Peace Camps in a number of U.S. cities. You may remember that some of our collegians and youth participated in Peace Camp, 2009. He has worked passionately on behalf of world peace and has generously offered to share his recent experiences in Egypt with us. He will attempt to show *How our Catholic Faith can be Enhanced Through the Understanding of Islam*.

Don't miss this. You might be very surprised at how experiences such as these can change our perspectives/lives.

## M Q A SCHOOL

### Knights of Columbus Essay Contest

Students from MQA School participated in the Knights of Columbus Essay International Contest for grades 8-12. Students wrote their essays on the theme: "The Responsibility of the Catholic Citizens in a Free Society". The local contest was sponsored by the Father Francis Hertzog Council #1381, New Kensington. MQA students won the top three awards in the 8th grade division. Students and their awards are as follows: First Place: Mia Grazioso; Second Place: Juliana Fellowes & Third Place: Dominic Guzzi. Mia Grazioso received a \$100 US Savings Bond and will advance to the district competition.

### First Lego League Robotics Competition

MQA School participated in the First Lego League Robotics Competition at the National Robotics Engineering Center of Carnegie Mellon University on Saturday December 5. There were five areas of competition: robotic performance, robotic design (hardware), software design (programming), teamwork, and research presentation. Seventy-five teams competed for three awards per category. MQA School received a second place award for robotic design and received a Lego Trophy. The following students were part of the school's team & participated at the competition: Eighth grade students who were part of the team were Thomas Ceraso, Quentin Gatto, Eric Dunkel, Aaron Claassen, and Philip Montalbano. Seventh grade students on the team were Deion Bailey and Ethan Duvall. Mrs. Catherine Collett is the team coach.

### Lion Club Student of the Month

Megan Christ, an 8th grade student from MQA School, was named Arnold Lion Club Student of the Month for November. Megan received her award and a \$50 Savings Bond at a dinner at the Pershing Heights Center on November 16. State Rep. David Pallone recognized Megan's award in the General Assembly of the State of PA. Megan maintains an A average where she has extended her academic endeavors through the PA Junior Academy of Science, winning a first place award at both the regional and state competitions and a perfect score at the state level. Her project was entered into the Pgh. Regional Science & Engineering Fair where she received a second award. She has won awards in the Patriot's Pen Essay Contest and the Serra Club Essay Contest.

### 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," **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 [gpecoraro@stmarynk](mailto:gpecoraro@stmarynk). Details will follow as costs and other details are finalized.

### A Peek at the Week . . .

Monday	Faith First Ezekiel 37 Prayer Group Pastoral Council	6:00 PM - 7:30 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	MQA School/Church Marble Hall Library
Tuesday	Foodbank Preparation Faith Sharing Group	9:00 AM 6:30 PM	Marble Hall Upper Room
Wednesday	Foodbank	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Marble Hall
Thursday	M Q A School Mass	8:30 AM	Church
Saturday	Disciples of Vincent DePaul Meeting MSP Wedding Workshop	9:00 AM 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Library Church/Marble Hall

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S**January 9/10****Altar Servers****Readers****Eucharistic Ministers**4:00 PM  
SaturdayB & K Sadecky  
E FinnN Farrell  
L Martin

M Lifka, M &amp; D Huet, K Oddis

8:30 AM  
SundayA & L Capone  
A RuffiniV Bruni  
L Henkel

M Watson, P Smith, D Butts, P Capo

10:30 AM  
Sunday

E, B &amp; R Kennedy

J Palochik  
N Monaco

D Marinucci, K Kowalski, L Lynch,

**COLLECTION REPORT****READINGS FOR THE WEEK****December 20**

Mass Attendance	830
Sunday Envelopes Used	439
Sunday Collection	\$10,652
EFT (19)	\$ 397

Monday:	1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday:	1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday:	1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52
Thursday:	1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Lk 4:14-22a
Friday:	Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16
Saturday:	1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30
Sunday:	Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Due to an early publication deadline for the holidays, the collection report for Christmas and Sunday, December 27th will be published in next week's bulletin.