

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

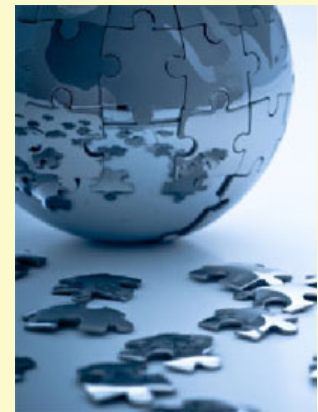
PARISH OFFICE HOURS

9:00 AM - NOON

1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

January 10, 2010

**Assembling
the
Pieces
of
Peace**



*How Catholic faith
can be enhanced through the
understanding of Islam*

**TODAY IN MARBLE HALL
FOLLOWING THE 10:30 AM MASS**

All are welcome as Matthew Sudnik shares his experiences in Egypt, and helps us discover how an understanding of Islam can contribute to the development of our Catholic faith.

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Finance Council

Mary Calvanese	Gregory Farrell
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Ronald Valasek	

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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.

Addolorata Society	Sandy Laney 724-339-0710
Altar Servers	Msgr. Michael Begolly 724-335-9877
Disciples of Vincent DePaul	Karl Strittmatter CALL PARISH OFFICE
Environment & Art	Virginia Mrvan 724-335-3181
Faith First Coordinator	724-335-9877
Festa Committee	Frank Robertson 724-335-1378
Food Bank	Rena Beroni 724-335-9877
Gardeners of Eden	Ann Grogno 724-335-0789
Holy Name Society	Scott Laney 724-339-0710
Homebound Ministry	Pat Policastro 724-335-9877 x 117
Lenten Fish Fry	Sandy Laney 724-339-0710
Liturgical Ministry Schedules	Amy Gablick 724-337-0437
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Mercy Meals	Sue Lascola CALL PARISH OFFICE
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Soup for the Soul	Phyllis Bordell 724-335-0345
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Youth Ministry	Sr. Valerie Zottola 724-335-9877 x 115

FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME + JANUARY 10 - 17, 2010

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 9

4:00 PM Varrato Sisters: Josephine, Rose & Mary
(Ralph & Terri Varrato)

Sunday, January 10 - Baptism of the Lord

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

Monday, January 11

8:30 AM Jack Rogers (Wife & Family)
9:05 AM *Rosary*

Tuesday, January 12

8:30 AM Jon Matteuzzi & Doris Herndon
(Nancy & Vincent Bruni)
9:05 AM *Rosary*

Wednesday, January 13

8:30 AM Mary Muka (Bruno & Lucy Baker)
9:05 AM *Rosary*

Thursday, January 14

8:30 AM Jeannette Federline Brinks
9:05 AM *Rosary*

Friday, January 15

8:30 AM Joseph Albanese
(Dom & Sandy Simonetti)
9:05 AM *Rosary*

Saturday, January 16

12:00 NN Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:00 PM Mary Pagliari (Virginia Turba)

Sunday, January 17

7:45 AM *Rosary*
8:30 AM Michael Cappello (Vincent & Lucy Milito)
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

Baptism of the Lord

Jesus' baptism reveals him as the beloved of God, and as the one on whom God's Spirit rests. He is anointed as the true prophet of God's reign, who comes to comfort the afflicted, but also to afflict the comfortable. He speaks out against false values and unjust conditions, recognizing that the root of the troubles of humanity lies in the very foundations it has created: in the striving for money, desire for prestige, and thirst for power; in the 3-fold ambition of holding, climbing, and commanding that spurs people on to rivalry, hatred and violence.

The way out of this impasse, Jesus claimed, is through voluntary renunciation of holding, climbing, and commanding. He bequeathed to his disciples not a program for social reform, but a pattern for a new human community, based on the voluntary renunciation of holding goods, competing for success and controlling others.

A Christian Church becomes its best self - the beloved sons and daughters of God - when it accepts this challenge of community, searching for intimacy and working for justice - sharing freely the bounty of the earth and the fruits of our labors not only with its own members but with all.

When it comes to our identity as Christians, we can easily point to our fidelity to Word and Sacrament and find strength in the comfort they bring. But the true test of our identity comes in the day-to-day living out the message - in our daily commitment to being a community where all are welcome, where all are treated with respect and dignity, where the lowly are lifted up, where the hope of a world renewed is made real by our commitment to live as God's beloved sons and daughters.

In a few more days, the song of the angels will be stilled and the star in the sky will be gone, the magi will be home and the shepherds back with the flock. But then the real work of Christmas begins: finding the lost, healing the broken, feeding the hungry, releasing those bound, rebuilding the nations, bringing peace to all people.

Our celebration of the Christmas feast, our annual celebration of the beginning of Christ's life, is none other than an invitation for us to return to our own beginnings, as the beloved sons and daughters of God. May we delight in who we are: a community of the Lord's beloved disciples.

PARISH NOTES

In Sympathy

We commend to your prayers *Jack Jacobs, Stephen Brzozowski, Helen Prosser & Leah Conte*, who died recently. May God welcome them to the joys of Paradise and bring comfort and peace to their families.



107th Birthday

We send good wishes and congratulations to **Mrs. Irene Ciuffoletti**, who will celebrate her **107th birthday** on January 19. She resides at the St. Anne Home, 685 Angela Drive, Greensburg, PA 15601 if anyone would like to send her good wishes for this wonderful occasion!

Faith First Family Night on Monday: The Light Grows Brighter

The Epiphany star still leads wise seekers to Jesus, the Light of the World. As followers of Jesus we too are the bearers of light. How can we shine more brightly in this sometimes dark and cold world?

Join *Faith First* families on **Monday, January 11** at 6:00 PM in the Church to find out some ways ordinary people can shine with the Light of Christ. All are invited: singles, grandparents, youth, friends and, of course, families.

Jesus tells us, "You are the light of the world. You are a city set on a mountain top; let your light shine before others." What a great New Year's resolution! Catch the fire! Become a beacon! Share the warmth! Grow the light!

January Special Soup & Sandwich Wrap Sale

On **Sunday, January 17**, from 12:00 NN until 3:30 PM, we will be selling soup and sandwich wraps to benefit the Emergency Fund. Choose wedding soup or Tuscan sausage soup. Wraps consist of turkey, ham, bacon, American cheese, provolone cheese, lettuce and tomato. Eat-in or take-out at Marble Hall. Call 724-335-1458 to order. Price is \$6.50 for adults, \$3.25 for children for a bowl of soup and a sandwich.

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, (gala chairperson) or Carly Opaska, copaska@verizon.net, (solicitation chairperson).

Youth Ministry



Blessed Are the Peacemakers:

Both Senior and Junior Youth are encouraged to join their families in participating in this parish faith development series. Today, Matthew Sudnik will join us in Marble Hall following the 10:30 AM Mass – 1:00 PM to share his recent experiences in Egypt and what he learned about Islam. Matthew will share with us his understanding of ***How Catholic faith can be enhanced through an understanding of Islam.*** This presentation will take the place of the usual youth group gathering.

Youth Ministry Advisory Board

We welcome our new members to the Board: Ron Frederick, Elizabeth Octave, Lauren Ortego, Leo Capone, and Jase Baker. And we are grateful for our continuing members: Bill Kennedy, Kellie Abbot, Jennifer Vernon, Jake Hetu, Natalie Brock, Christopher Pujol, Katie Gablick and Dominic Montemurro. Their "behind the scenes" work has developed a vibrant and growing Youth Ministry here at Mt. St. Peter Parish. The Youth Ministry Advisory Board will be meeting on **Sunday, January 17**, following the 10:30 AM Mass in the Upper Room.

Seven Springs Family Getaway.

We were able to extend the deadline date for reservations to **Monday, January 11**. Please contact Sister Valerie immediately if you haven't already made your reservations for this fun Parish Family Getaway - **Saturday, January 23**.



MSP CONCERT SERIES

Saturday, January 16

5:30 PM (following the 4:00 PM Mass)

Come and join violinist Dawn Posey as she celebrates her Farotti violin's 100th 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.
All are welcome!**

Faithful Discipleship

Living with an attitude of gratitude

We begin a new year celebrating 3 epiphanies of God's love:

- the light of God's love is revealed to the magi;
- the mission of Jesus is revealed at his baptism;
- the power of God's Spirit at work in Jesus is revealed at the wedding feast at Cana.

In response to each of these revelations, we sing a song of thankfulness and praise and we strive to live our lives with an attitude of gratitude for the manifestation of God's great love.

A grateful heart is a heart that shares

This attitude of gratitude leads us to lives of faithful stewardship, as we share our time, talent and treasure in building up God's Kingdom. For many, the term "stewardship" means "fundraising."

In fact, real stewardship is about love. When we practice good stewardship, we become more fulfilled, have a greater sense of purpose, live happier lives and build a better world. When we realize how much God has loved us, we strive to share that love and our gifts with others.

Sharing love. All families come together in love to care for each other, enjoy each other, and help each other. Healthy families put the needs of the family first before spending time or money on anything else.

In God's family, we also come together in his love to care for each other. As stewards, we find ways to use our time and gifts to meet the needs of God's family first.

Offering love. Take stock of the gifts you have: faith, wisdom, prosperity, discernment, etc. Then ask where you can put your talents and resources to work for your parish so you can take your place at God's table. When you do, you will make God's family stronger and healthier.

Showing gratitude for God's love. Practicing good stewardship means understanding that God has generously given us gifts which we, in turn, use for his purpose. Everything we have and everything we are comes from God. He deserves the best we have to give to Him in return.

Many thanks! To all who give generously of their time and talent and treasure at Mount Saint Peter Parish, we give thanks. May we continue to work together as faithful disciples, united in faith, hope and love, to build up the Kingdom of God!

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

MSP Travel Committee



Meadows Trip is planned for the Meadows Casino on **Thursday, February 4**. It will depart at 9:00 AM from Ward's 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.

Join the MSP Travel Team to tour the **"Shrines and 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 and 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 karon1121@yahoo.com or call 724-337-0314. Deposit (\$50) due by January 24.

OUT & ABOUT

(Please note that this trip will require extensive walking.) Trip cancellation insurance is available.

St. Joseph Church and St. Mary of Czestochowa Church will present "The Epiphany Experience," today, **January 10**, at 4:00 PM in St. Joseph Church. The

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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.

Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge

Congratulations to Nick Bianchi (Age 11) and Chris Grondwalski (Age 13) on their recent success in the annual Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge. Nick and Chris both qualified for the PA State competition by winning Council (#1381 New Kensington), District, and Western Regional competitions.

Knights of Columbus Essay Winners

Congratulations to the winners of the K of C Essay Contest for Catholic students in grades 8 thru 12 on the theme: "The Responsibility of the Catholic Citizen in a Free Society." The 1st place winners: 8th Grade – Mia Grazioso, MQA, 9th Grade – Elizabeth Posney, Freeport HS, 10th Grade – Luke Thimons, St. Joseph HS, and 12th Grade – Frank Borland, St. Joseph HS, will all receive a

A Peek at the Week . . .

Sunday	Peacemaking Session Church Detrimming	12:00 Noon 2:00 PM	Marble Hall Church
Monday	Faith First Family Night Ezekiel 37 Prayer Meeting	6:00 PM - 7:30 PM 7:00 PM	Church Marble Hall
Tuesday	Faith Sharing Group	6:30 PM	Upper Room
Wednesday	Fish Fry Steering Committee Meeting	9:00 AM	Volunteer Room
Thursday	Festa Steering Committee Meeting	7:00 PM	Library
Saturday	MSP Concert Series: Dawn Posney Violin Concert	5:30 PM	Church
Sunday	Soup & Sandwich Sale	Noon - 3:30 PM	Marble Hall

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January 16/17	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>
4:00 PM Saturday	N, M & J Farrell	G Hall M Collett	M & C Collett, G & M Farrell
8:30 AM Sunday	M Pavilonis, H Lauff G Latella	R Bruni A Zito	J & L Matta, L Chakan & E Solomon
10:30 AM Sunday	J & A Carosella M Simmons	F Livorio M Kulick	M Dorich, D Marinucci, A Meledandri, J Simmons, M Christopher

COLLECTION REPORT

Christmas Mass Attendance	1937
Envelopes Used	658
Collection	\$ 28,026
Children & Family Services	\$ 3,428
December 27 Mass Attendance	998
Sunday Envelopes Used	547
Sunday Collection	\$ 11,084
EFT (57)	\$ 3,889
January 1 Mass Attendance	458
Envelopes Used	216
Solemnity of Mary Collection	\$ 2,752

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	1 Sm 1:1 - 8; Mk 1:14 - 20
Tuesday:	1 Sm 1:9 - 20; Mk 1:21 - 28
Wednesday:	1 Sm 3:1 - 10, 19 - 20; Mk 1:29 - 39
Thursday:	1 Sm 4:1 - 11; Mk 1:40 - 45
Friday:	1 Sm 8:4 - 7; 10 - 22a; Mk 2:1 - 12
Saturday:	1 Sm 9:1 - 4, 17 - 19; 10:1a; Mk 2:13 - 17
Sunday:	Is 62:1 - 5; 1 Cor 12:4 - 11; Jn 2:1 - 11