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DECEMBER 15, 2019



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7:30 & 11:30 AM



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Saturday anticipated Mass

4:00 PM

Sunday Mass

9:30 AM



Mount Saint Peter

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Saturday anticipated Mass

4:30 PM

Sunday Masses

8:30 & 10:30 AM

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Last weekend, we welcomed into the Church through the saving waters of Baptism:

Mila Mae Lundberg, St. Joseph Parish

We rejoice with her parents and with all who celebrate this newborn life in the family of God.

† REST IN PEACE †

Please remember the souls of those who have died, especially:

Kathleen Naccarato, Mt. St. Peter Parish

May God welcome her and all who have gone before us into the joy of everlasting life, and bring comfort and peace to her family.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17

Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25

Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25

Friday: Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38

Saturday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45

Sunday: Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24



This year, consider experiencing the Polish tradition of the Oplatki. The **Oplatki Christmas Wafers** are available in the back of St. Joseph and St. Mary churches or in either parish office. Each packet is **\$3.00** and explains the history of the Oplatki as well as how to share with those attending your Christmas Eve Feast.

December 7 - 8

St. Joseph

Sunday Collection Total \$ 6,155.00

St. Mary

Sunday Collection Total \$ 7,839.60

Mount Saint Peter

Sunday Collection Total \$ 7,485.25
E.F.T. (71) 2,497.00



Thank You for All You've Done!

After almost twenty years of ministry here in New Kensington, Sister Carol has announced her retirement, effective December 31, 2019. We are grateful for her years of faithful service at both St. Mary of Czestochowa and St. Joseph Parishes.

After two years of teaching in the former St. Joseph School, Father Richard Karenbauer and Monsignor Larry Kulick hired Sister Carol as a Pastoral Minister for both St. Mary and St. Joseph Parishes. She coordinated ministry to the sick, homebound and parishioners in nursing homes. Those who received a visit from Sister Carol appreciated her compassion, her listening ear, and the opportunity to receive Our Lord in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. She was also a faithful presence at the time of a parishioner's death, visiting the family at the funeral home, participating in the Funeral Mass, and leading the bereavement ministry.

Sister Carol also coordinated the RCIA ministry, accompanying those who were looking to enter the church through Baptism, or complete their Christian Initiation through the celebration of Confirmation and Holy Communion.

She was also actively involved in The Epiphany Experience since it began in 2003 and assisted with the Tenebrae Service each year, assigning readers and instructing them in their parts. For many years, she was the sacristan for daily Mass at St. Mary Parish and served as lector, extraordinary minister of Holy Communion and greeter in both parishes. As a Pastoral Associate, she was always ready and willing to assist the pastors of our parishes in any way that she could.

To show our appreciation and gratitude to Sister Carol for her many years of faithful service, we will hold a reception in Friendship Hall on Sunday, January 19, 2020, following the 11:30 AM Mass. All are welcome and encouraged to stop by to thank Sister Carol for her ministry and to wish her well as she begins a new ministry at St. Anne Home in Greensburg.

Advent Regional Penance Services

Tuesday, December 17, 2019 7:00 PM Mount St. Peter, New Kensington
Wednesday, December 18, 2019 7:00 PM Christ the King, Leechburg

Take part in the regional Advent Penance Service or the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and experience again God's loving mercy.

St. Vincent de Paul Society Meetings

Tuesday, December 17 - St. Joseph Wednesday, December 18 - St. Mary
2:00 PM - Parish Office Conference Room 7:00 PM - St. Francis Room

All members are encouraged to attend. New members are always welcome.

Ministry Schedule

December 21 - 22

St. Joseph

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>EMHC</u>	<u>Servers</u>
4:00 PM	M Smith	J Peck, B Constant, S Makuta	T Kovalchick, T Spiering
9:30 AM	L Barkowski	N Banichar, P Mudrinich, J Slocik	P & L Katona, D Staniszewski

St. Mary

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>EMHC</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Counters</u>
7:30 AM	P Kvortek	*Jen Kvortek, T Kvortek, R Spiek	M Stelmach, E Stewart, A Arledge	C Polak
11:30 AM	L York	*D York, E Farabaugh, A Comer	M & S Gracey, M Wroblewski	B Cybach M Rawlinson

SAINT JOSEPH SANCTUARY CANDLE

DECEMBER 8, 2019 - DECEMBER 21, 2019

In Memory of Ester Makuta
(John Bridge)

SAINT MARY SANCTUARY CANDLE

DECEMBER 15, 2019 - DECEMBER 28, 2019

In Memory of Frances Zemanski
(Jamie & Herb Weber and Renee & Robert Baird)



Men's Spiritual and Fellowship Meeting
 Tuesday, December 17 - 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
 Knead Community Café

This event is sponsored by the Holy Name Society of Mt. St. Peter's and is open to all Christian men of the New Kensington area. The meeting will begin with refreshments followed by a 20-minute video on a spiritual topic followed by active group discussion and fellowship.

Attention St. Mary Minsters

Preparation of the Ministry schedule that includes **January through March** is now in process. Should you have any specific scheduling requests or changes for this time period, contact John & Charlotte McNally at charjack14@verizon.net or 724-339-9044. Deadline: Wednesday, December 18.

Breaking Bread Monthly Dinner

Thursday, December 19, 2019
 Serving 5:30 PM-6:30 PM



Knead Community Café
 1011 Barnes Street, New Kensington, PA 15068

Enjoy this free community meal and join in an amazing hour of fellowship and friendship over a delicious meal.

Sponsor: UPMC Presbyterian Senior Care

C.D.A. Meeting

A meeting will be held on Thursday, December 19 at 6:00 PM in the Mary Queen of Apostles-Greenwald Cafeteria on Elmtree Road. Donations will be accepted for TryLife along with 2020 dues. Members are encouraged to attend and new members are welcome. Contact Regent Bernie Cybach at 724-335-7012 for more information.

The Epiphany Experience



The gifts will be unwrapped, the hustle and bustle will be over. Come and reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. This experience brings to life the story of the birth of Jesus, featuring sacred music, a costumed cast, and live animals. Participation is needed from all ages as angels, archangels, shepherds, kings and more. **Rehearsals** will be held at St. Joseph Church at 6:30 PM on Friday, December 27 and Friday, January 3.

The Epiphany Experience will be held on **Sunday, January 5 at 2:00 PM in St. Joseph Church**. If you would like to participate, simply come to the rehearsal on December 27.



Look What's Coming Up.....

Sunday, December 15 - Cookie Walk, Care-oling, and Advent Celebration: Our December Family Ministry Day will include service at the Addolorata Cookie Walk, caroling and delivery of fruit baskets and cards to homebound parishioners, and a celebration with food and games.

March for Life Youth Pilgrimage



The Diocese of Greensburg's Office of Faith, Family, and Discipleship will host its annual pilgrimage on January 23-24 at Eagle Bank Arena on the campus of George Mason University in Fairfax, VA. It is open to youth in 8th-12th grades. Reservations are limited. Contact Sara Octave to reserve your spot!

A Peek at the Week . . .

Tuesday	MSP/SJ/SM Staff Meeting	10:30 AM	Library
	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd	9:30 AM-11:30 PM	St. Mary Catechetical Center
		5:00 PM-7:00 PM	
	Eucharistic Adoration	1:00 PM-7:00 PM	Mt. St. Peter Church
	Regional Advent Penance Service	7:00 PM	Mt. St. Peter Church
Wednesday	St. Joseph Choir Rehearsal	6:30 PM	St. Joseph Church
	St. Mary Choir Rehearsal	6:30 PM	St. Mary Church
	SM St. Vincent de Paul Meeting	7:00 PM	St. Francis Room
	Regional Advent Penance Service	7:00 PM	Christ the King Leechburg
Thursday	Breaking Bread Monthly Dinner	5:30 PM-6:30 PM	Knead Community Café
	CDA Meeting	6:30 PM	Cafeteria, MQA Greenwald
Friday	Exposition & Reconciliation	11:00 AM-12:00 NN	St. Mary Church

Saturday, December 14

4:00 PM SJ Ester Makuta (Daughter, Shirley)
 4:30 PM MSP Paul & Laverne Focareta (Terry & Lynette Focareta)

Sunday, December 15 - Second Sunday of Advent

7:30 AM SM Michael Betts (Aunt Charlotte & Family)
 7:45 AM MSP Rosary
 8:30 AM MSP For All Living & Deceased Parishioners
 9:00 AM SJ Rosary
 9:30 AM SJ Louis, Lillian & Kenneth Barkowski (Larry & Kathy Barkowski)
 10:30 AM MSP Angelo Spataro (Carol & Ron Heckman) + Liturgy of the Word with Children
 11:00 AM SM Rosary
 11:30 AM SM Elizabeth Dziuban (Reno & Barb)

Monday, December 16

7:30 AM SJ Ester Makuta (Lois Martin)
 8:00 AM MSP Rosary
 8:30 AM MSP Anna Cappello (Pam Bridgen)

Tuesday, December 17

7:30 AM SM Frank Polczynski (Loretta Polczynski)
 8:00 AM MSP Rosary
 8:30 AM MSP Linda Bellone (Paul Marcantonio)
 1:00 PM MSP Eucharistic Adoration & Mid-day Prayer
 3:00 PM MSP Holy Hour of Mercy
 6:45 PM MSP Benediction
 7:00 PM Advent Regional Penance Service at Mount Saint Peter

Wednesday, December 18

8:00 AM MSP Rosary
 8:30 AM MSP Kathleen Panza (Husband, Al)
 7:00 PM Advent Regional Penance Service at Christ the King, Leechburg

Please Note:

The Wednesday evening Mass and confessions at St. Joseph Church will resume in January. Because of the schedule for First Reconciliation and Penance Services this month, there will be no Wednesday evening Mass or confessions in December.

Thursday, December 19

8:00 AM MSP Rosary
 8:30 AM MSP Rose Bowser (Dennis & Jill Licata)

Friday, December 20

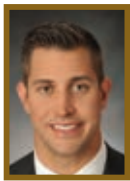
8:00 AM MSP Rosary
 8:30 AM MSP Albert & Sunnie Suzio (John & Dick)
 11:00 AM SM Eucharistic Adoration
 11:15 AM SM Sacrament of Reconciliation
 12:00 NN SM Annie David (Helen Olearchick)

Saturday, December 21

12:00 NN MSP Sacrament of Reconciliation
 4:00 PM SJ Patricia Crytzer (Family)
 4:30 PM MSP Carmine & Matalda Pagliaro (Children & Grandchildren)

Sunday, December 22 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:30 AM SM For All Living & Deceased Parishioners
 7:45 AM MSP Rosary
 8:30 AM MSP For All Living & Deceased Parishioners
 9:00 AM SJ Rosary
 9:30 AM SJ John Makuta (Daughter, Shirley)
 10:30 AM MSP Cosimo & Alda Corsi (M/M Ron Corsi & Family) + Liturgy of the Word with Children
 11:00 AM SM Rosary
 11:30 AM SM Carolyn Olszewski (Husband, Ronald Olszewski, Sr.)



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