

Holy Rosary Catholic Church

Sacred Heart Chapel

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First Sunday of Lent
March 10, 2019

We sincerely welcome Fr. Louis Guardoli from the Fathers of Mercy. We have been praying for God's blessing for him and for our parish as we enter into our Lenten Parish Spiritual Mission Renewal. This is a time of great grace for us individually and for our parish family to grow in our love for Jesus, our Catholic Faith and the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. We also want to deepen our understanding and love for Mary.

On **Sunday night** Father will speak to us about **the most important moment of our life**. At the time of death we will appear before our loving and merciful God and make the eternal decision for our lives: will I choose to spend eternity with my God or will I choose to leave him forever?

Monday night we experience the loving -healing- forgiving presence of Jesus in the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**. We have invited two other priests to assist in hearing confessions. Even if it has been a long time since you have gone to confession, this can be a beautiful moment of peace in your life.

Tuesday and Wednesday nights Father will give presentations on the Holy Eucharist and Jesus' presence in Holy Communion. The Eucharist is our source of spiritual life. It is so important to grow deeply in love with Jesus, truly present for us in the Celebration of the Mass and Holy Communion.

Thursday night we will learn more about Mary who is our Heavenly Mother and Mother of the Church.

Our Heavenly Father is pouring out His love on each of you, our wonderful parishioners. This mission can be a powerful gift to you and your family.

God Bless each of you
Fr. Joe



*Lenten
Parish Mission*

From Where I Sit...A Lenten Perspective

Holy Rosary's theme for this Lent is "Here I am, Lord" taken from a familiar hymn and it has caused me to engage in some reflection. I went to our hymnbook and looked up the hymn that we have sung for several years. I must admit that I have sung it without thinking too much of the words and what they might mean. St. Augustine, a doctor of the Church, said that singing has double the prayer power. I suppose he meant if I really believe the words that I am speaking or singing, then it becomes a prayer. I thought of the many times I just mumbled the words and didn't think of them as responding to God as prayer. Have you done that, too? In looking at the hymn I wanted to see if I could really hear the words and see their importance to me. In the verses, I see that God is speaking to us. He reveals that He hears His people crying and He will provide His love, His Bread, and His life. I think this means that He is counting on us as His disciples to do these things...to listen to those who mourn, to be bread for them, and to give of ourselves in love. In the refrain, we make our prayer as we respond with "I hear you, Lord. I hear You calling me. I am your disciple; I am part of You. You have given me the Bread of Life and so I am fully equipped to be Your hands and feet and heart. I will go to others, Lord, and offer them the aid and assistance that you would offer."

I remember once that I was very sick and a woman came and grasped my shoulders and then my head and prayed to the Lord for my healing. I was overwhelmed by her belief as a child of God that she could be so open to do this. In relating that story to a small group of people, I said, "I don't feel that I can do that. I feel I'm not really good enough or worthy enough to think I could do that for others." One person in our group look at me and said, "Do you think you are too humble to do that?" When I responded to that with a quick "yes," he shot back with "Maybe you have too much pride to do that." I was stunned at that! I stayed awake for many hours that night thinking of that comment and decided he was probably right. I didn't feel I could take the risk of opening up my faith to others! Oh, my goodness—pride!! Father Joe, talk about a beam in my eye! And yet, isn't that what Jesus calls us to do? He counts on us to love others and to

demonstrate that love on a daily basis, not just to those we know, but to those we don't know. He calls on us to cry when they cry, to laugh with them, to speak of God to them when they are with us. He calls on us to step out of our comfort zone of quiet prayer and reverence and take action. This was a hard lesson for me to learn. Taking a risk, opening myself to criticism and even derision. But it is a risk

we, as Catholics, must take. Hear His call. Heed His call. Be open to the needs of others and fearlessly say, "Here I am, Lord, I have heard you and I will answer your call."

Anonymous

Listen to the Whispers

Sister Francesca recently sent us a Lenten reflection from the U.S. Catholic Health Association that invites us to quiet our inner self. "Lent calls us to our inner room," the reflection begins. "It calls us to an extra moment of quiet in our car or in our office. To linger in the chapel. To wander in the woods. To soften our hearts and listen

for the voice of God. The still, small voice that whispers and waits inside us." The reflection goes on to say that the whispers we may hear call us to faithfulness and to begin our Lenten journey back home to the God who loves us. As we begin the Lenten season, let us prayerfully listen to the God who calls us to silence and bids us to "return home."

Wow! What a Celebration!!

It may be the first Sunday of Lent as you read this, but many are still talking about the Mardi Gras dinner and celebration that was held in Marist Hall last Tuesday. The hall was super crowded with parishioners, relatives and friends, all enjoying the festive fun and fellowship. Many thanks to the Fellowship Committee, who planned this event and outdid themselves with Mardi Gras décor! Thanks to the Jessie Skiles Trio, who excited the crowd with their own rendition of "When the Saints Go Marching In" and other fine musical selections. Some parishioners won great prizes, and all enjoyed the special food prepared for this event. Thanks to all, we can't wait to see what is in store for the future!

Meetings This Week

Sunday, March 10

Parish Mission – 6:30 p.m.

Monday, March 11

Parish Mission and Reconciliation/Penance Service – 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 12

Parish Mission – 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 13

Mass followed by Parish Mission – 6 p.m.

Thursday, March 14

DVD on the Passion of Jesus – 10 a.m.

Parish Mission – 6:30 p.m.

Friday, March 15

Friday Stations followed by a small meal and DVD on the Passion of Jesus – 6 p.m.

Saturday, March 16

Men's Group – 9 a.m.

Monday, March 25

Pastoral Council Meeting - 6:30

Marist Hall



Christian Concerns Lenten Project

Please support our Lenten Project to collect gifts for the residents of Serenity Personal Care Home and St. Joseph's Hospital Long Term Care. We have placed an "Easter" basket at the front entry to the church and in Marist Hall, filled with plastic eggs. Inside

each egg is a suggested item for one resident, the resident's first name and where they reside. Please take an egg or two, and shop for the suggested items. Return the gift, along with the paper included in the egg so we know where to deliver the gifts. Please have all gifts (wrapped or unwrapped – gift bags are great!) turned in by Palm Sunday, April 14th. If you have any questions, please ask Sarah Ziemis or Donna Broslawsky. Thank you for your help with this Lenten project.

LET'S ALL BE IRISH FOR A DAY

Hey, high school and middle school kids! Ever hear of the little community in West Virginia where the Irish Spring Festival is held annually? Let's go find out what's happening there! On Saturday, March 16, kids from sixth through 12th grades will meet at 8 a.m. in the church's rear parking lot, and every kid will get a little spending money. We will travel to Ireland for a scavenger hunt, parade, road bowling, and a foul shooting contest, plus many other activities. It's a day FULL OF FUN for the Irish and the Irish Wannabees. See Mary Hendricks, Lori Post, Tracy

Murphy, Antanette Dahmer, or Jon and Abbie Jerden for details! WE NEED DRIVERS, too, so let us know AS SOON AS POSSIBLE if you can help transport the kids. THANKS for supporting our Holy Rosary Youth!

Remember: 8am, Saturday, March 16, church parking lot, IRISH SPRING FESTIVAL!

Last Week's Collection

Envelopes: \$2,535.00
Loose: \$171.00
Building Fund: \$630.00

We humbly ask that you continue to contribute to Holy Rosary Parish each week, even if the weather is bad and you can't make it to church. Our expenses are constant, and we sincerely thank you for all of your help!

Greeters' Schedule

Mar. 09 Steve and Bro. Roy
Mar. 10 Libby and Charlie
Mar. 16 Nick and April
Mar. 17 Carroll and Charlie M.

Eucharistic Liturgies

Saturday, March 9

7 p.m. – Lee Jeran (Holy Rosary)

Sunday, March 10

9 a.m. – Parishioners ((Holy Rosary)

Monday, March 11

7:30 a.m. – Poor souls living (for God's Divine Mercy) (Hospital)

Tuesday, March 12

7:30 a.m. – Special Intention (Hospital)

Wednesday, March 13

6 p.m. – Edward Lafferre (Holy Rosary)

Thursday, March 14

7:30 a.m. – Poor souls deceased (for God's divine mercy) (Hospital)

Friday, March 15

7:30 a.m. – Elizabeth Lanham (Hospital)

Saturday, March 16

7 p.m. – Charles J. Sandreth (Holy Rosary)

Sunday, March 17

9 a.m. – Parishioners (Holy Rosary)

Holy Rosary Men's Group

The Men's Group at Holy Rosary parish invites all the men of the parish to join them each Saturday morning at 9 a.m. as they grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ, learn more about their faith, and study why Catholics do the things they do. With

that focus the group feels they will become better men, better husbands, better fathers, better singles holding themselves and each other accountable to God's laws and the teachings of the Church.

Currently, the men are studying the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults. Call Skip Gjolberg

Lent can be more than a time of fasting.

It can be a season of feasting. We can use Lent to fast from certain things and to feast on others. It is a season in which we can:

- Fast from judging others; feast on Christ dwelling in them.
- Fast from emphasis on differences; feast on the unity of life.
- Fast from apparent darkness; feast on the reality of light.
- Fast from thoughts of illness; feast on the healing power of God.

to order a copy of this book.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 603

FATHER MARK T. GALLIPEAU

SCHOLARSHIP

The Elkins Council 603 of the Knights of Columbus is pleased to announce the 2018 Father Mark T. Gallipeau High School scholarship. The scholarship was established through the vision of the Elkins

Council of the Knights of Columbus. The Elkins Council 603 is offering one (1) scholarship to an active catholic High School senior. Applications are open to all active members of the Holy Rosary, Saint Patrick's of Coalton, or Saint Brendan's parish. One (1) \$2000.00 scholarship will be awarded (divided into 4 \$500.00 payments over

four years as long as the student is enrolled). The Father Mark T. Gallipeau Memorial Scholarship is intended to recognize a catholic student High School senior who has demonstrated commitment to their school, church, community and exhibited academic achievement. The available scholarship is as follows:

•\$2000.00 for the **Father Mark T. Gallipeau Memorial Scholarship** is open to all active members of the Holy Rosary, Saint Patrick's of Coalton, or Saint Brendan's parish that are seniors in High School, with preference given to the children and grandchildren of members of Council 603 **Exclusively for incoming freshmen who will be enrolled full-time in an accredited four year, two year, or technical program in the United States.**

Applications can be downloaded at:

<http://stbrendanwv.weebly.com/> DEADLINE: May 1, 2019

Soul Core for March

Tuesday: March 19 at 6:00 p.m.

The Mass: Or is it Liturgy?

Maybe you have been asked the meaning of the word Mass by your friends. Well, here's a chance to really impress them. The word "Mass" comes from the Latin word "missa" which means "to send." The Mass prepares us spiritually to go out into the world and live as authentic followers of Jesus Christ in our everyday lives. Some people call the Mass "liturgy." Liturgy is any public ritual that the Church celebrates. The word actually comes from a Greek word meaning "the work of the people" When we attend Mass, we are participants, not spectators. We join with one another in prayer, reflection, thanksgiving, and Communion. We are doing "the work of the people." So now we know a little Latin and a little Greek. We know that "Mass" comes from the Latin word "missa" (to send) and "Liturgy" comes from a Greek word meaning "the work of the people." Although this series on the Mass now comes to an end, "the work of the people," all of us at Holy Rosary, continues.

Prayers, Please!

Fr. Ron Nikodem, Bertha Small, Steve Zellhofer, Kate Deasy, Rosemary Austin, Phil Halligan, Randy Trent, Macyah Riley, Karen Trent, Steve Tilson, Casandra Wagner, Jack Call, Jalen Welcome, Joe Morton, Matthew Linger, David Vincent, Joseph Queen

Please pray for all men and women serving in the military.

Please pray for our homebound: Gene and Mary Stump, Jeanette Willett, Denna Bayless, Virginia Cerullo, Anna Stalnaker, Ron Frye, Gerald Hackney, Rocena Asbury, John Sneberger, Betty Ledford, Bob Jeran, Lorraine McLean, James McCartney. Nancy Beverlin, Shirley Linger, Rosie Ketterman, Shirley Helmick, William McLean

Celebrate With Your Parish Family!

Do you have a birthday or special celebration in your family for March? Celebrate with your parish family! Just drop a note in the collection basket or give it to Fr. Joe. We are always proud of the accomplishments of our parish family, but we need you to tell us about them so we can share it with everyone! Don't be shy! Call the office or drop a note in the collection basket.

MARCH RIGHT UP WITH YOUR CELEBRATIONS!

Rachel Renee Westfall – Mar. 4

Rue Thompson – Mar. 6

Sr. Francesca Lewis – Mar. 7

Rick Manspeaker – Mar. 8

Diane Poach – Mar. 9

Janine Robinson – Mar. 9

Jalna Jones – Mar. 11

Dustin Reed – Mar. 18

Cheryl Moore – Mar. 20

Aliyah Albright-Mar. 21

Jason Albright-Mar. 21

Tyler Reed – Mar. 23

Krista Lewellyn-Mar. 24

Richard Reed – Mar. 25

Mark Cerullo – Mar. 28

Mike DeRico – Mar. 28

Jerry Iones – Mar. 28



Congratulations to Mike and Andrea Ellis who celebrate their anniversary on March 22nd! Wish them a happy day!

Men's Group Sponsors Parish Movie and Dinner

The Men's Group is sponsoring the movie **Unprotected: the Pope, the Pill, and the Perils of Sexual Chaos** for the parish on Sunday, March 24th at 5:00 pm, done by 7:00 p.m. Our goal is to get as many parishioners, families, teenagers, everyone, there as possible. We will provide a simple spaghetti meal with salad and bread so people can eat and watch. We will also have babysitting so parents with little ones can attend. Here is a message from the director, Don Johnson, as to the what age should attend: *"I think ultimately the decision should rest with the parent, as they know the maturity level of the child best, but as a general rule we have been advising that 12 or 13 and up is fine. It should definitely be viewed by high schoolers, of course, and we have been hearing lots of great things from teachers who have used it in their classes."* We hope to have an all-around great gathering. This movie has a powerful message for everyone; you can get more information at: <http://unprotectedmovie.com/>