

Holy Rosary Catholic Church

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Second Sunday of Lent
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What a great blessing we experienced this past week

2nd
SUNDAY OF LENT

While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. - Lk 9:29

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Meetings This Week

Monday, March 18
Morning DVD and Discussion – 10 a.m.

Tuesday, March 19
Soulcore – 6 p.m.

Friday, March 22
Stations of the Cross, Meager Meal and DVD – 6 p.m.

Saturday, March 23
Men’s Group – 9 a.m.

Sunday, March 24
Special
DVD for teens and adults and Spaghetti Dinner 5 p.m.

Monday, March 25
Pastoral Council Meeting - 6:30
Marist Hall

Wednesday, March 27 - noon
Finance Council Meeting



Dear Parishioners,

with Fr. Louis preaching our parish mission. He gave me many new insights and challenges. A number of you who attended expressed your gratitude for Fr. Louis. I also had the opportunity to speak with him as he was living with us. Many of you attended the talks and had an opportunity to have adoration of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction. I hope and pray you will continue to come to adoration on Wednesdays at 6:30 before Mass at 7 pm. This is a wonderful gift of quiet time speaking with Jesus in the peace of our church. Each First Friday of the month we have adoration at 6 p.m. with an hour of quiet time followed by Benediction then Mass. It is amazing how our prayer life can grow when we spend time in quiet with Our Lord.

May I encourage you to continue your Lenten journey by participating in one or more of the Lenten offerings found on the orange sheet hanging somewhere in your home. Our loving God is pouring out his love and grace upon you to give you His power to overcome temptations and to bear the struggles of life. He is faithful and He will not fail anyone who comes to Him in love.

I will be away in Washington DC this week from Monday through Friday participating in meetings of our Marist community. You are in good hands with Brother Roy, Deacon Rue and Diane Poach. They can contact me in an emergency. May Jesus bless you in His love and peace! Peace in Jesus, Fr. Joe

Second Collection Next Week

Next week, we will have a special second collection to support the Priests Health and Retirement Association, a fund that provides health insurance and retirement benefits to retired priests of our Diocese. Please take a moment to reflect on the many years of service by our priests and how we can take this opportunity to thank them in a very particular way with a gift to the PHRA collection.

From Where I Sit...A Lenten Perspective

Wednesday last, hundreds of millions of Catholics and some non-Catholics from around the world entered churches, prisons, hospitals, and even train stations to receive ashes on their foreheads to acknowledge Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the forty days of Lent. Where did this call to receive ashes come from? It is part of our Old Testament history and calls to mind a symbol of mourning or repentance. People in the time before Christ who were in mourning because of a certain happening (often destructive wars) or those who knew they had done wrong would dress in sackcloth, made of rough goatskin and then publicly cover themselves with the ashes of nearby fires and sit there as a form of penance. This is noted in the Old Testament in 2 Samuel, Genesis, Esther, Jonah, and several other places. Jesus himself refers to sackcloth and ashes in the New Testament.

But what does it mean for us today? Yes, it is a time of recalling that we have sinned and a time when we think about what we have done (or not done). The word “repent” means to think anew, to turn back and reflect on our lives and our relationship with God. The outward sign of ashes is really an inner recognition that we have been living in the wrong manner and we who call ourselves Christians desire to return to God and to right living.

Both of our Ash Wednesday services were quite full. In fact, there were many there who do not regularly attend the weekend liturgies. What, you

say? Why were they here? I think it is wonderful that people, no matter where they are in their faith life come to seek repentance, to return to the faith, and to resolve to live in Christ. It makes me happy to see strangers at the Ash Wednesday service. Not only do we seek to repent, but we are also seeking a rebirth! That’s what this is all about. We turn back and are born anew. We resolve to do better. We give up something for Jesus; we add something to our faith life for Jesus. It is a holy time if we make it so.

Father Joe reminded me on that day of the life insurance commercial that talks about the three “Ps.”

He spoke about things that may have become more

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 words that pollute; feast on phrases that purify.
- Fast from discontent; feast on gratitude.
- Fast from anger; feast on patience.
- Fast from pessimism; feast on optimism.
- Fast from worry; feast on divine order.

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 spoke about pleasure, possessions, and pride. These three are not necessarily bad; it depends on how they are used and how much of our life is taken up with them. We certainly do not want it to interfere with our Eternal Life insurance! Last Sunday in our Gospel reading we saw that the evil one attempted to urge Jesus to try these three things. He could have bread to alleviate his 40-day terrible hunger. (pleasure) He could have kingdoms for the taking (possession), and He could have the glory that comes with all that (pride). Jesus rebuked him with powerful words from Scripture. We can do that too! Reading and reflecting on sacred Scripture through the use of some of the aids available to us here is a good way to turn our lives around. It helps us to examine our earthly lives to see what is most



important to us. If it is any of the three “Ps” then we need to repent this Lent and seek the rebirth that comes with our life in Jesus. O Happy Happy Lent! A time for Renewal!
Anonymous



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

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

- Jeremiah – Mar. 28



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/>

questions, please ask Sarah Ziems or Donna Broslawsky. Thank you for your help with this Lenten project.

Last Week’s Collection

Envelopes: \$1,995.00

Loose: \$52.00

Building Fund: \$10.00

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!

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, Lorene Hardman

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 to order a copy of this book.

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

Notice

In the not too distant future we will be demolishing the St. Joseph Building. One person expressed a desire to go in and retrieve any usable wood or other items. If you have this desire, please let me know. If there are others, we will determine the best way to share the opportunity fairly. Each person will have to sign a notice of intent to not hold the parish or the diocese liable for any accident or injuries.

Eucharistic Liturgies

- Saturday, March 16**
7 p.m. – Charles J. Sandreth (Holy Rosary)
- Sunday, March 17**
9 a.m. – Parishioners (Holy Rosary)
- Monday, March 18**
7:30 a.m. – David Vincent (Hospital)
- Tuesday, March 19**
7:30 a.m. – Mass Cancelled (Hospital)
- Wednesday, March 20**
7 p.m. – Grace Lafferre (Holy Rosary)
6:30 p.m. - Adoration
- Thursday, March 21**
7:30 a.m. – Rex Hardman) (Hospital)
- Friday, March 22**
7:30 a.m. – Mass Cancelled (Hospital)
- Saturday, March 23**
7 p.m – Deceased members of the Klapach Family (Holy Rosary)

Greeters' Schedule

- Mar. 16 Nick and April
- Mar. 17 Carroll and Charlie M.
- Mar. 23 Cheryl and Jerry
- Mar. 24 John and Bridget

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Psalm Response: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Soulcore for March: Tuesday, March 19th



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**