

Holy Rosary Catholic Church Sacred Heart Church A Marist Community

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When people say, “Look at the big picture,” usually, this is good advice. A narrow focus can cut out some of the surroundings that give meaning to what we have placed at the center. Looking only at the forehead of a batter in a baseball game, you might see only some perspiration. Widen the focus and you see clear eyes, looking out intensely, enabling the batter to respond appropriately to whatever may be thrown in his directions. Open to the whole field and you may feel the excitement of a championship game and a close contest.

The greater the extent to which we can see life as a whole, the more easily we can find God’s place in it. As we mature and go through life’s variety of experiences, many people come to see God as the One who makes sense out of it all. We do well to have our lens open to all that life brings, the bitter and the good. Seeing the full

picture, we can identify what things have lasting worth. For example, we should not limit ourselves to the dilemma of why bad things sometimes happen to good people. We need to see also how dedicated people, inspired and strengthened by their faith, have acted in ways that restore goodness and hope.

On the other side of the issue, though, looking only at the big picture can make us miss some of life’s intricate beauties. A garden may be impressive, but how wonderful it is to see one flower, with all of its depth and details! God’s

providence can be found in a glimmer of hope that lifts our spirits in a time of discouragement. God’s love can be felt in a tender touch or a gentle word spoken by a friend. God can be found in both large and small. What we need to do is to look carefully, and see where it is that God is at work.



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FROM THE PASTOR



Dear Parishioners,
I hope and pray
your Lenten
season is a time for
spiritual
growth. May I
encourage you to
take some extra

time for prayer to allow our loving God to minister to you and touch your heart. The Little Black Books, the Word Among Us, and Living Faith, as well as pamphlets available in the hall, can help us focus on our prayer life, our inner self and our need to reach out to others in love. Jesus is calling each one to a deeper union with Himself. Why not make an effort to assist at Holy Mass during the week. On Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. we have a half hour of quiet time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament followed by Mass. Each Friday in Lent we have the Stations of the Cross at 6 p.m. followed by a ½ hour spiritual DVD and a light supper. This Monday, March 5 at 7 p.m., 4 priests will be available to hear confessions during a Reconciliation service. All of these opportunities enable us to open our hearts to His loving mercy.

Please plan now for the Holy Week celebrations. They form the central core of our Faith. Walking with Jesus through His Passion, Death and Resurrection bring us into an intimate union of love with our Savior. May you be filled with the fullness of God's love.

Peace and love in Jesus,
Fr. Joe

Lenten Penance Services

Holy Rosary Catholic Church
Monday, March 5
7 p.m.

St. Brendan Church in Elkins
Tuesday, March 6 - 7 p.m.

St. Patrick's Church in Weston
Monday, March 12 - 7 p.m.

Retired Priests' Collection This Weekend

This weekend, 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.

More on the Way

The response to the Lenten pins was great. So many people took the pins that were available on Ash Wednesday that we ran out of them. More are on the way and should be here next weekend. Please wear the pin throughout Lent as a reminder of Christ's love for us and our need to be reconciled with God.

High School Students Present

The Holy Rosary High School students will be presenting a special Stations of the Cross after Mass on Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

Everyone is welcome to join us.

Lenten Outreach Project

Our church's Lenten outreach project is in full swing. This year we will be reaching out to the Families in Crisis Shelter (Elkins) and to senior residents at Holbrook Nursing Home (Buckhannon). We will be asking parish members to take an Easter egg from an Easter basket or tree, purchase the gift listed inside the egg, and return the gift either wrapped or unwrapped. Our Christian Concerns Ministry will take it from there. Meanwhile, thank you for your very generous response to our Advent project. YOU really were the "angels" on the Christmas angel tree!

Last Week's Collection

Envelopes: \$2,295.00
Building Fund: \$20.00
Loose: \$190.00

SoulCore Schedule

SoulCore classes held throughout February and March will focus on Lent. We will be praying the Stations of the Cross, The Seven Sorrows of Mary, and the Sorrowful Mysteries. Dates for SoulCore will be Thursday, 3/15/18 at 6:00 p.m.

Retreat With The Pope

This Lenten season we will be going on retreat with the Pope. That's right: Pope Francis. The retreat will consist of a DVD series entitled "A Lenten Retreat with Pope Francis" and will take place every Friday of Lent. Themes that will be covered include God's mercy, forgiveness, and compassion as seen from the perspective of our Pope. A meager meal (soup and sandwiches) will be included. The weekly retreat will take place on Friday's immediately after Stations of the Cross. Join us for this blessed "time out" offered by our Adult Faith Ministry.

Men's Group

The men's group will be meeting every Wednesday at 6:30 a.m. in Marist Hall. If you are interested in another meeting time, please contact Sal Carmona at 304-642-0866. The theme this spring is spiritual development and male leadership. All men of the parish are invited to attend.

Server Schedule

Saturday, March 3 – Caroline, Madelyn, and Allie
Sunday, March 4 – Vincent, Emma, and Addison
Saturday, March 10 – Caroline, Madelyn, and Allie
Sunday, March 11 – Post

School of Religion

March: Lent Continues - Spend more time with Jesus: Pray; meditate; Say the Rosary; read the Bible; attend the Stations of the Cross - Support Our Lenten Program

3/04- Class- 10:15-11:15 – Third Sunday of Lent
John 2: 13-25

Upper grades/ Present stations to grades K-5

3/11- Class -10:15-11:15 (Eucharistic prep for third graders) John 3: 14-21

3/18 - Class - 10:15-11:15 - Fifth Sunday of Lent
John 12: 20-33 High School -
Greeters/Presentation of Gifts

3/25- Class – 10:15-11:15 - Palm Sunday/ Easter
Egg Hunt Mark 15: 1-39

Lector Schedules

Lector schedules are ready to be picked up for: Mary Blake, Joe Broslawski, Virginia Carmona, Nicholas Cutright, Andrea Ellis, Jalna Jones, Shanna Ericsson, Hannah Gjolberg, Skip Gjolberg, Linda Hicks, Sandy Kraynok, Pat Marsh, Patrick Nanners, Jesse Skiles, John Waltz, and Sister Francesca.

Please Pray

Robert Fulton, Mary Plocki, Joe Morton, Kim Casella, Fr. John Baran, Mike Derico, The Family of Janine

Robinson, the Jones Family, James Dunn Family, Braden Berry, Mary Kimberly Moore, Charles Sandreth, Gary Cortes, Craig Cortes, Lori Wilcox, Joseph Cortes, Sid Holic, Lorene Hardman, Louise Hawkinberry, Kate Deasy, Rosemary Austin, Shana Erickson, Victor Zara, Msgr Michael Doyle, Brenda Gullo, Kimberly Moore, Jeff Rosenbury, Allen Rosenbury, Mary and Bob Shutran, Mike Hanson, Marsha Garton, Lorraine McLean, Mike Farah, Phil Halligan, Shaelyn Posey, Levi Abel, Rose DeProspero, Phil Murphy, Sheila Marsh, Chris, Pat Marsh, Rose Mary Tomblyn, Vonda Brandt, Janice Korish, Aaron Walden, Ann Wilson, Hugh Hensil, Roger Abel, Karen Linn, Randy Trent, Jessie Disbrow, Mary Carpino.

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

Please pray for our homebound

Gene and Mary Stump, Jeannette Willett, Denna Bayless, Virginia Cerullo, Toni and Emerick Cerullo, Anna Stalnaker, Ron Frye, Gerald Hackney, Rose Deprospero, Rocena Ashbury, John Sneberger, Betty Ledford, Bob Jeran.

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.



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

MARCH RIGHT UP WITH YOUR CELEBRATIONS!

Rachel Renee Westfall – Mar. 4
Rue Thompson – Mar. 6
Sr. Francesca Lowis – 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 Jones – Mar. 28



Lenten Pilgrimages 2018

The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston is offering four Lenten Pilgrimages across West Virginia. Each pilgrimage provides opportunities for confessions beginning at 6 p.m. followed by the celebration of Mass at 7 p.m. and a fellowship social.

Wednesday, March 7 – Cathedral of St. Joseph, Wheeling. Featured homilist: Rev. Justin Blanc, associate pastor of St. John University, Morgantown.

Wednesday, March 14– St. Leo Parish, Inwood. Featured homilist: Rev. Larry Dorsch, pastor of St. Paul Parish, Weirton.

Please call the Office of Worship and Sacraments at 304-233-0880, ext. 289 for more information.

Statement

The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston is committed to the protection of its children and young people. The Diocese complies with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* by maintaining an Office of Safe Environment. To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact the West Virginia Bureau for Children and Families/Child Protective Services by calling the Child Abuse Hotline at 800.352.6513.

News Update

You may notice the flags around Holy Rosary property and you may have seen a large truck in the back parking lot on Tuesday and Wednesday. We are in the process of surveying the property and taking soil core samples to test our soil.

After examining the state of St. Joseph, St Mary and the Old Rectory in the fall, we realized that we need changes, expansion or new construction to meet our needs. The Building Committee has been gathering information to help develop a project and financial plan to present to you and we prayerfully hope that you will agree to support. The plans will also be presented to the Bishop for his approval.

As the Scripture says: “ If the Lord does not build the house, they labor in vain who build it.” We are called to trust in His guiding hand as we grow forward to meet the needs of our parishioners into the future.

Eucharistic Liturgies

Saturday, March 3

5 p.m. – No Mass (WVWC)
7 p.m. – Rex Hardman (dec) (Holy Rosary)

Sunday, March 4

9 a.m. – Guy Derico (dec) (Holy Rosary)
Noon – No Mass (Sacred Heart)

Monday, March 5

7:30 a.m. – Father Bill Seli, S.M. (dec.) (Hospital)

Tuesday, March 6

7:30 a.m. – The Family of Ann Conolley, OSF (Hospital)

Wednesday, March 7

7 p.m. – Deceased members of the Golden Family (Holy Rosary)

Thursday, March 8 Father Bill Seli, S.M. (dec) (Hospital)

Friday, March 9

7:30 a.m. The Lafferre Family (Hospital)

Saturday, March 10

5 p.m. –No Mass (WVWC)
7 p.m. – James Lill (dec) (Holy Rosary)

Sunday, March 11

9 a.m. – The Lafferre Family (Holy Rosary)
noon - For our Parishioners (Sacred Heart)

“Pray that America will wake up to the tragedy of children being killed through abortion every day in this nation.”

Franklin Graham