

Holy Rosary Catholic Church Sacred Heart Chapel

First Sunday of Lent

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Lent At Holy Rosary

During Lent at Holy Rosary, we will pray the Stations of the Cross and celebrate the Holy Mass in the church each Friday beginning with the mass at noon. We hope you are able to join us, but if you can't, we are also offering a virtual Stations of the Cross, which you can access at any time from your phone or computer. Also, watch your Flocknotes emails for a "Way of the Cross at Home" which is just another way to follow the journey of Christ's passion at home with your family. You can access this through your phone or tablet, or print it out so that each family member can take part in this devotion.

We are encouraged during Lent to consider almsgiving along with our prayer and fasting. This year, we have three specific causes we would like to focus on for Lenten giving, and we

will have special baskets for each one for two weeks during Lent:

Laundry detergent for parish house: Bring your donations of laundry detergent or money to buy detergent during the weeks of February 21 and 28. There is a great need among our neighbors for cleaning products as these cannot be purchased with the Snap card. Please make sure that your donation is either laundry powder or pods. This way, it can be split and shared with all.

Utilities for crosslines: Bring your monetary donations to help with utility bills for the needy during the weeks of March 7 and 14.

Catholic charities: The Christian Concerns Committee has asked us to help Catholic Charities' many causes on the weekends of March 21 and 28.

We have no word yet if we are able to celebrate a communal reconciliation service for Lent. Please know that Father Ed is available for private confessions at any time. Please call the rectory for an appointment.

Please watch the bulletin for further information on Lent. You may get the bulletin at mass, on Flocknote emails each week, or on our webpage, holyrosarywv.org.

May your Lenten season be a time of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving as you experience the call of the Lord to change your heart, just in time for Easter!

First Sunday of Lent

Theme: REPENT AND BELIEVE IN THE GOSPEL

Father Ed's Homily

My theme for this First Sunday of Lent is "Repent and Believe in the Gospel." This theme reminds me of one of the prayers a priest or minister says as he places the ashes on your forehead/head which reads, "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel."

This theme calls our minds to the Season of Lent we started this past Ash Wednesday. The Season of lent is a 40-day journey with Our Lord Jesus into his desert experience which would lead us finally to the celebration of Christ's passion, death, and resurrection. All the three Synoptic Gospel writers (Mk 1:12-15; Mt 4: 1-11 & Lk 4: 1-13) mention that Jesus was tempted by the Satan, the devil, for 40 days in the desert. St. Mark, we have just heard, has the shortest version of the temptation account of Jesus.

St. Mark unlike, St. Matthew and St. Luke, did not give us a very detailed account of the temptation. He gave us some important elements in the temptation narrative, namely Jesus spent 40 days in the desert, was tempted by Satan, that he was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him. St. Mark tells us Jesus started his ministry in Galilee after the arrest of John the Baptist where he preached that "This is the time of fulfillment. The Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the gospel."

It is interesting to know the Spirit who descended upon Jesus at his baptism was the Spirit who drove him into the desert for 40 days. In Jesus' desert experience, we read combined forces of good Angels and evil wild beasts were present to him. Jesus won his victory over Satan and his forces because he prayed God to send his angels to minister to him. He won the victory because God answered his prayer. Similarly, we can't win over temptations of Satan and his forces without asking Jesus and his Father to send the holy angels to minister to us. We also are confronted every day by the devil to win us to himself. The only way we can also win our victory over Satan is to be always in a good relationship with God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit.

The Lenten season reminds us to take some time out into the desert/quiet place and be with God just as Jesus did. In today's Gospel reading, Jesus asks us to repent and believe in the Gospel. Repentance simply means a total transformation of one's life. It is more than a change of mind and heart. Your entire life must be focused on Jesus alone. Our Sunday

Visitor's Catholic Encyclopedia explains "Repentance is shown by baptism, faith, confession of sins, and good works, such as almsgiving." (p.823)

Our baptism into Christ is just a beginning of our spiritual journey with him. It is ongoing spiritual journey. As St. Peter warns us in the second reading, our baptism into Christ is useless unless it is accompanied by the pledge to God that proceeds from good conscience. St. Peter made an analogy between the waters of the flood (1st Reading) and the baptismal bath brought by Jesus Christ (2nd Reading). Only few people escaped from the flood and were saved in the ark. But through our baptism into Christ, we become God's children and saved for eternal life.

Please let us know in the parish office if you need any assistance that would help you in your Lenten spiritual exercise to be successful. We would be glad to help you.

We ask Mother Mary to pray to her Son Jesus Christ for us to have the grace to be faithful to our Lenten observance. Let us pray that we would believe in Jesus Christ and his Gospel.

Holy Rosary is Open!

In compliance with Diocesan and local regulations, Holy Rosary Church is open for weekend Masses. The church and Marist Hall are professionally cleaned and disinfected. Masks are required for all Mass participants, as well as names and



phone numbers for contact tracing. **Please make sure to wear your masks properly, covering both your mouth and your nose to prevent the spread of harmful bacteria.** We appreciate the cooperation of all of our parishioners and guests! **PLEASE NOTE: We are taking all precautions to keep our parishioners safe. Please watch for Flocknote emails/texts for any updates, should the situation change.**

Crosslines Needs

Would you like to help with the Easter Dinner that the Parish House will be distributing this year? If so, you may donate boxes of instant potatoes, (mashed or scalloped), green beans, brownie mix, cake mix, or any type of frosting. The deadline for donations is March 27. These items can be dropped in the box marked Crosslines located in the back of the church.

Hey College Students!

Father Ed would like to get to know all the college students from our parish! Could you please call him (472-3414) or shoot him an email

(tettehed@yahoo.com) and let him know how you are doing and where you are studying? Thanks!

Black and Indian Mission Collection Feb. 21
Mandated by the III Plenary Council in 1884, the 125-year-old National Collection for Black and Indian people continues as the embodiment of the Church's concern for evangelizing the Black and Indian peoples of the United States. The funds are distributed as grants to dioceses throughout the United States, supporting and strengthening evangelization programs which otherwise would cease. Your financial support of the three organizations of the Black and Indian Mission Office enables us to help form children in the faith, educate young people, and build hope – a hope often so hard to find in the areas our missionaries serve.

Lectors: If you are not planning to come when scheduled, PLEASE call a sub in advance.

Greeter's Schedule

Sat. 2/20 – Cheryl & Jerry Moore
Sun. 2/21 – Charlie Malcolm
Sat. 2/27 – John Kriner
Sun. 2/28 – Frank Girard

Lector's Schedule

2/20: Sister Francesca
2/21: Jalna Jones
2/27: John Weber
2/8: Lori Post

Please remember in your prayers

Bertha Small, Kate Deasy, Rosemary Austin, Phil Halligan, Randy Trent, Macyah Riley, Karen Trent, Jack Call, Matthew Linger, Seth Poling, Cathy Lipscomb, Hugh Hensil, Barbara Elmore, Freddy Caimotto, James Barton, Mike Cerullo, Darell Hyre, Diane Hyre, Vicki Dibble, Eric Harkness, Pat Daigneault, Duane Lohr, Jeff Ball, Jane Baxter, Shaelyn Posey, P.T. Garton, Jalen Welcome, Ron Byrd, Helena Bessinger, Dennis Cortes, Kay Sienkiewicz, Danny Morgan, Gene Zara, Paula Ball, Christopher Jones, Janine Robinson, Elaine Katai, Terry McKisic and Tori Odom.

Please pray for men and women in the military.

Please pray for our homebound

Mary Stump, Denna Bayless, Anna Stalnaker, Ron Frye, Rocena Asbury, John Sneberger, Lorraine McLean, James McCartney, Nancy Beverlin, Shirley Linger, Shirley Helmick, William McLean, Anna Powell, Barbara Elmore, Gerry Stankus, Helena Bessinger, Virginia Cerullo, Alan and Jimmie Jo Simmons.

Please Pray

Many of our friends and family have contracted the Covid virus. Although we cannot print their names here, please continue to pray for them and their rapid recovery.

Mass Scheduling for 2021

Would you like to schedule a mass for a loved one? We continue to accept donations for masses for your intentions. Please drop your donation into an envelope with the dates you would prefer. We will try to schedule the mass as close to the date as possible. We are currently scheduled into March!

Celebrate With your Parish Family!

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Now accepting **February Celebrations!** Do you have a birthday or special celebration in your family for February? Just drop a note in the collection basket or give it to Fr. Ed. 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!

Ken Westfall – Feb. 6
Francis Boyles – Feb. 6
Charlie Anderegg – Feb. 15
Jerry Moore - Feb. 15
Payton Knicely – Feb. 19
Diana Thompson - Feb. 22



Happy Anniversary to Linda and Mike Hicks who celebrate their special day on February 6.

Norms for Reopening Parish Facilities

The Diocese of Wheeling Charleston has issued updated guidelines for reopening parish facilities for meetings and gatherings. Although the guidelines still require social distancing and mask wearing, parish meetings may be held with care and preparation. No food or drink is permitted at any meeting and gatherings such as funeral luncheons, wedding receptions, baby showers, etc. are still not permitted. The entire set of norms are on the bulletin board in Marist Hall. If you have any questions, please contact Father Ed.

TEENS ENCOUNTER CHRIST (TEC)

TEC is a diocesan spiritual movement for older high school teens and young college students. It begins with a retreat weekend filled with dynamic reflections, music, sacraments, adoration, small group dialogue, prayer, and community building. Afterwards, the TEC community (TECITES) evolves into a network of mutual support that both reinforces their parish involvement and personal spiritual growth. TEC leads participants to integrate Christ's Paschal Mystery (dying, rising, and going forth) at a time of passage through which they are preparing for adult life after high school and college.

TEC is effective in helping young people focus on their spiritual life as well as their secular life. It also empowers them to speak openly and courageously to their friends about their faith in Christ and their living out of Christian values.

TEC began in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston in the late sixties under the leadership of Fathers Ed Bell and Jody DeBias (both deceased). Father Leon Alexander was a team member of the very first TEC in Wheeling, serving as a confessor for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

In recent years, TEC became dormant, but it is currently being revived under the leadership of Mr. Daniel Maul, the Diocesan Director of Evangelization, Catechesis, and Youth. Daniel has formed a Diocesan TEC Steering Committee consisting of Ralph Modena of Princeton, Kathy Lynch of Beckley, Theresa O'Leary of Charleston,

Fr. Leon Alexander of Charleston, Father John McDonough of Morgantown, and many more. They are meeting often via ZOOM conferencing.

Priestly Discernment Retreat

WHEN: Saturday March 20

WHERE: St. John XXIII Pastoral Center in Charleston, WV

WHO: College age young men and older

This retreat is focused on a day of reflection for those who are seriously considering the possible call to Priestly Discernment. Please pray for an increase of Vocations in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston.

Knights of Columbus Scholarship



The Elkins Council 603 of the Knights of Columbus is pleased to announce the 2021 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: April 26, 2021

Eucharistic Liturgies

- Saturday, Feb. 20** - 7 p.m. – Parishioners (Holy Rosary)
- Sunday, Feb. 21** - 9 a.m. – Charity Manspeaker (Holy Rosary)
Noon - + Louise Helmick
- Monday, Feb. 22** – The Pallottines
- Tuesday, Feb. 23** – +Josephine Jack
- Wednesday, Feb. 24** - +Freda Cawthon - 6 p.m. Holy Hour - 7 p.m. (Holy Rosary)
- Thursday, Feb. 25** – +Rebecca Hernandez
- Friday, Feb. 26** – +Lorene Hardman (noon – Holy Rosary)
- Saturday, Jan. 27** –7 p.m. Parishioners – (Holy Rosary)
- Sunday, Jan. – 28** – 9 a.m. - +Ernest Heitman, III (Holy Rosary)

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PICK OF THE WEEK

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FORMED NOW! THE NEXT POPE

As we celebrate the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter this week, join Dr. Tim Gray and George Weigel as they discuss the past, present, and future of the papacy!



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