

Holy Rosary Catholic Church
Sacred Heart Chapel
Second Sunday of Lent February 28, 2021

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Lent At Holy Rosary

Join us for mass each Friday during Lent at noon. Stations of the Cross will be prayed immediately following mass.

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.

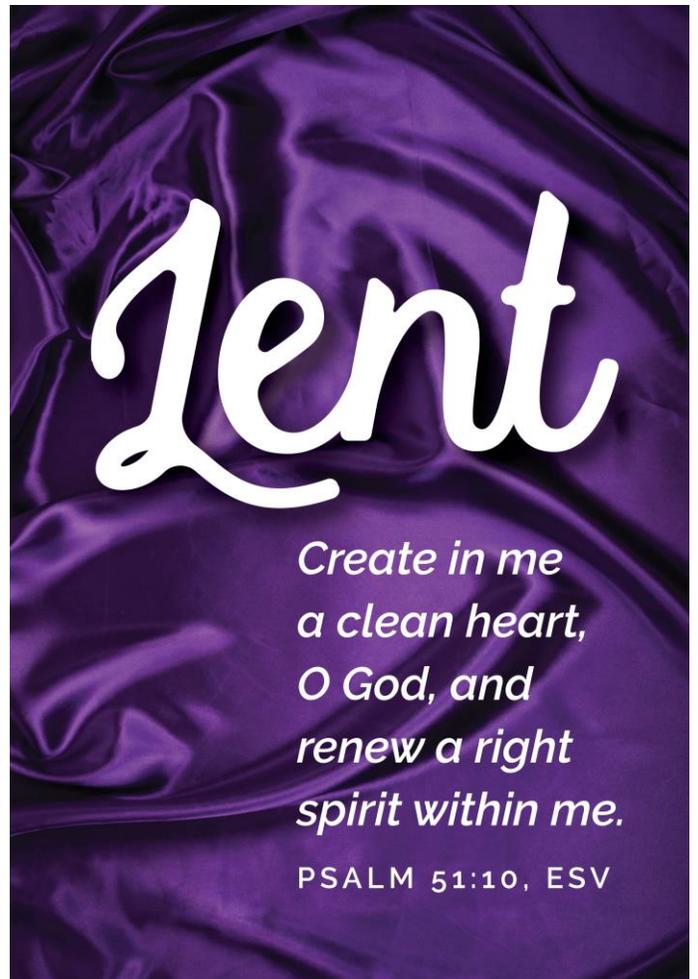
Utilities for crosslines: Bring your monetary donations to help with utility bills for the needy during the weeks of March 7 and 14.

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!



**Second Sunday of Lent Theme: Abraham,
Father of Faith Is A Model for Us All Fr.
Ed Tetteh, SVD**

In Hebrew tradition, Abraham is considered the classic example of Faith. Abraham is not only the father of faith for Jews but also for Christians and Moslems. It is interesting that these three world religions, namely Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, all called Abraham their Father of Faith.

As the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that "Faith is necessary for salvation." Our Lord Jesus Christ affirms, "He who believes and is baptized will be saved, but he who does not believe will be condemned." Mark 16:6. Faith in God and his Son Jesus Christ, not to mention the Holy Spirit, is the foundation of our Christian life.

Any time I read this First Reading we have just heard, I wonder, "Why should God, who has blessed Abraham and his beloved wife Sarah at their old age with their only beloved son Isaac, want Abraham to sacrifice him? Is it the only way God would know that Abraham truly obeys and trusts him? Is it not too much for God to test Abraham in this way, meaning to sacrifice his only beloved child to him?" I wonder what Abraham also would be thinking of God? Remember, Abraham and his wife were living among the Canaanites who were practicing human sacrifice. Would Abraham be confused with his understanding of the God who called him to leave his country and go to a country he promised him and his descendants? What would be the relationship between Abraham and his beloved son Isaac after this episode?

My dear ones, human beings as we are, I think many of you may also have a lot of questions/concerns with regard to the test God posed to Abraham. There are many lessons we can learn from these Second Sunday of Lent Readings, especially the First Reading.

In this First Reading, we learn about the profound faith and obedience Abraham has for God. Abraham believes that there is nothing that is impossible for God. If God who has blessed him and his wife Sarah at their advanced years with Isaac wants Isaac to be sacrificed to him, he would not disobey him. He believes what God has promised him and his descendants will come true, no matter what. Beloved, we know that when God promises, he never fails his promises. Abraham, a man of God was aware of this also.

Secondly, God asked Abraham to give him something that is precious, dear to him, namely his beloved son Isaac. Abraham honored God's request. Listen to how God showered his blessing upon Abraham: "The Lord's messenger called to Abraham from heaven and said: 'I swear by myself, declares the Lord, that because you acted as you did in not withholding from

me your beloved son, I will bless you abundantly and make your descendants as countless as the stars of the sky and the sands of the seashore; your descendants shall take possession of the gates of their enemies, and in your descendants all the nations of the earth shall find blessing--all this because you obeyed my command.'"

My dear ones, let us remember that whatever we have is a free gift from God, and if we freely share with him and those in need, God will certainly bless us abundantly, like he did for Abraham and his wife Sarah.

Thirdly, Abraham continued to obey and have faith in God after he and his wife were blessed with Isaac. He never stopped believing and obeying God. Similarly, we must continue to obey and have faith in God after he has answered our prayers. There are times, once we get what we asked for, we stop praying and believing in God. Even if our prayers are not answered the way we would like, we must continue to obey and have faith in God. He knows what is best for us. For some of us, God is good when he answers our prayers, but if he does not answer our prayer as we would like him to do, then God is not good. Lord, have mercy!

The fourth lesson is that God practices what he preaches, as someone reminds me. It's true! St. Paul reminds us in the Second Reading that God did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, meaning he is referring to Jesus' passion, death, and resurrection which he did to reconcile us with his heavenly Father. God gave his only beloved Son Jesus to the world to show us how much he truly loves us. Again, we also must be willing to share whatever is dear to us with God and those who need our assistance. St. Paul reminds us also that since God is on our side, we can face anything in life. Let us remember to find consolation and courage in these words of St. Paul when we are going through the valley of darkness in life, that we have God on our side.

Jesus took Peter, James, and John to the top of the mountain where he was transfigured before them. There, they witnessed his glory. During this Season of Lent, Jesus continues to invite us to spend some time with him if we want to see his glory.

During this Lenten season let us ask our Mother Mary to pray for us not to put our faith in the world but to place it in God and Son Jesus Christ

Soul Core Resumes!

SoulCore will resume on Tuesday, 3/16/21 at 6:30 p.m. in Marist Hall. Face masks and social distancing will be required.

Last Week's Collection

Envelopes: \$2,180.00

Loose: \$53.15

Attendance: Sat.: 26 Sun: 64

Homebound and Nursing Home Visits

I would like to start visiting homebound parishioners and nursing homes. I had my second Covid vaccine on February 18 and so far, so good. I will wear a face mask, face shield and gloves during my visit and I'll visit one home bound parishioner/nursing home per day for now because of the Covid 19 concerns.

Please let me know if you would like me to visit you.
Fr. Ed

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!



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!

Greeter's Schedule

Sat. 2/27 – John Kriner
Sun. 2/28 – Frank Girard
Sat. 3/6 – Nancy and Tony
Sun. 3/7 – Cheryl and Jerry

Lector's Schedule

22/27: John Weber
2/8: Lori Post
3.6: Rachel Weber
3/7: Joe Boslawsky

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



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.

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/>

Eucharistic Liturgies

Saturday, Feb. 27 – 7 p.m. Parishioners – (Holy Rosary)
Sunday, Feb. – 28 – 9 a.m. - +Ernest Heitman, III (Holy Rosary)
Monday, March 1 – Tori Odom
Tuesday, March 2 – James Christopher & Family
Wednesday, March 3 - 6 p.m. Holy Hour (For seminarians and their formators) - 7 p.m Delores Kremins. (Holy Rosary)
Thursday, March 4 – +Jeanetty & Jerry Willett
Friday, March 5 – +Charity Manspeaker (noon – Holy Rosary)
Saturday, March 6 - 7 p.m. – Parishioners (Holy Rosary)
Sunday, March 7 - 9 a.m. – Virginia Rydzak (Holy Rosary)
 Noon - + Louise Helmick (Sacred Heart)

Looking Ahead

Holy Thursday – Mass of the Last Supper: (7 p.m.) Holy Rosary
Good Friday – Stations of the Cross (noon) Adoration of the Cross (7 p.m.) Holy Rosary
Easter Vigil - (8 p.m.) in the church
Easter Sunday - (9 a.m.) at Holy Rosary (Noon) at Sacred Heart

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PICK OF THE WEEK

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WATCH

FATHER MICHAEL MCGIVNEY: AN AMERICAN BLESSED

In May 2020, Pope Francis approved a miracle attributed to the intercession of Fr. Michael McGivney, paving the way for his beatification. This new documentary highlights Fr. McGivney's fraternal charity, evangelization, and empowerment of the laity.



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