

Holy Rosary Catholic Church Sacred Heart Church A Marist Community

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God is here! The eternal God is present here and now. When we sing the Gloria Patri, we say, "As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end." God already is within our life picture, but in personal experience sometimes God seems absent or hidden.

Lent can be a time of discovering anew just where God is and how our lives can be enriched by this discovery.

A re-reading of the Psalms would be a good place to start. The first Psalm describes a faithful person as being like a tree, planted by rivers of water. God refreshes and nourishes us. The twenty-third Psalm describes how God walks with us and supports us. Psalm 136 has a repeated refrain of how God's mercy and steadfast love endure forever. The Psalmist's

experience can help us identify ways in which God is at work within our own lives.

Continuing with scripture, we also sense God's presence in the words of the prophets, who say, "God has shown you what is good: do justice love kindness, and walk humbly with your

God." (Micah 6:8) We feel God's nearness in the life of Jesus, as he carried on conversation with his disciples along the road, healed the sick, gave sight to the blind and went through death to resurrection. As we hear Jesus teach, we sense what God-centered life is all about. His Beatitudes, for example, show us how blessings come

even to people who seem unlikely to receive them. God was in Christ and we feel God's presence as we get to know Jesus and reflect upon his life. Reading the scriptures, taking time to grasp their meaning and then opening ourselves to God in prayer can help us experience the presence we seek.



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“Let the Lord Heal the Wounds of Sin.”

Lent is a time for Christians to get their hearts in sync with the heart of Jesus, Pope Francis said.

"Let the Lord heal the wounds of sin and fulfill

the prophecy made to our

fathers: 'A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will take out of your flesh the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh,'" the

pope said Feb. 14, celebrating Mass and distributing ashes at the beginning of Lent.

Everyone experiences

temptation, the pope said. Lent is

a time to pause and step back from situations that lead to sin, a

time to see how God is at work in others and in the world and, especially, a time to return to the Lord, knowing that his mercy is boundless.

Lent, he said, is a time "to allow our hearts to beat once more in tune with the vibrant heart of Jesus."

Hitting the reset button, the pope said, requires taking a pause from "bitter feelings, which never get us anywhere" and from a frantic pace of life that leaves too little time for family, friends, children, grandparents and God.

People need to pause from striving to be noticed, from snooty comments and "haughty looks," he said; instead, they need to show tenderness, compassion and even reverence for others.

"Pause for a little while, refrain from the deafening noise that weakens and confuses our hearing, that makes us forget the fruitful and creative power of silence," the pope said.

Use the pauses of Lent "to look and contemplate," he suggested. Christians can learn from seeing the gestures others make that "keep the flame of faith and hope alive."

"See the remorseful faces of so many who try to repair their errors and mistakes, and who from their misfortune and suffering, fight to transform their situations and move forward," Francis said.

But most of all, he said, "see and contemplate the real face of Christ crucified out of love for everyone, without exception. For everyone?"

Yes, for everyone. (Celebration Magazine)

Retired Priests' Collection Next Weekend

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.

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.

Marist Scholarship Fundraiser

The Scholarship Committee is excited to announce that they are selling T-Shirts as a fund-raiser for our Marist Scholarship. The money will go towards this year's senior scholarship presented in May. We will be selling short sleeve shirts for \$15.00 and long sleeve shirts for \$17.00 in all sizes, youth small through adult 3X. We will be taking pre-paid orders during the month of February. Let's show our Holy Rosary pride and sponsor this worthy cause. If you need an order form, please contact Doris Sandreth.

Holy Rosary Women's Group

The Holy Rosary Women are excited to present a Lenten evening entitled "The Way of Our Sorrowful Mother" (Via Matris), published in the Magnificat. The gathering will be on Tuesday, February 27th at 6:30 p.m. in Marist Hall. A complimentary Magnificat, March issue, special Holy Week issue, and a Seven Sorrows of Mary Prayer Card will be given to all those who attend. All are welcome.

Lenten Outreach Project

Our church's Lenten outreach project begins this week. 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

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.

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!

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 (except First Friday, March 2nd and Good Friday). 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.

Great News!

Here's some great news for our Marist parish. On Monday, February 5, the Vatican announced that Pope Francis has appointed Marist Father Joel Konzen, SM, auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Atlanta, Georgia. Fr. Joel was born in Ohio in 1950 and has served for 28 years in Atlanta. He has led Marist School in Atlanta as its principal since 1999 and also served as the vicar provincial of the former Marist Province of Washington. He recently helped to found two new Catholic schools in Atlanta. In a recent interview, Fr. Joel reflected on his appointment as auxiliary bishop: "A Marist is to think, act, act, judge and feel as Mary would with humility, hospitality, prayerfulness, union with God and with one another....these are the virtues that Father Colin (Marist founder) wanted to instill in the first Marists." Let us lift Father Joel in prayer at this time and let us, as a Marist parish, further the Marist virtues he spoke of.

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.

Finance Council Meeting

There will be a meeting of the Parish Finance Committee on Tuesday, February 27 at noon in the rectory.

Server's Schedule

Saturday, February 24 – Vincent, Samuel, Harrison
Sunday, February – Kennedy, MaKenzi, Addison
Saturday, March 3 – Caroline, Madelyn, and Allie
Sunday, March 4 – Vincent, Emma, and Addison

School of Religion

February: Lent Begins - Jesus Prepares for His Hour

Send Someone You Love a Valentine

2/25–Class- 10:15-11:15- Second Sunday of Lent
Mark 9: 2-10

St. Mary's Grade School

Are you interested in an excellent education for your child with Christian, family values? Now is your opportunity to visit St. Mary's Grade School in Clarksburg for an Open House on Sunday, March 4th from Noon until 2 p.m. All are welcome to come and meet the faculty and get your questions answered about Catholic school education. Please visit our website at www.stmaryswv.org for more information or call Michelle Palmer, Director of Enrollment at 669-1972. Tuition assistance is available through the Diocesan program TAPS-apply online today.

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.

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, 3/1/18 at 6:00 p.m., and Thursday, 3/15/18 at 6:00 p.m.

Last Week's Collection

Envelopes: \$2,017.00

Building Fund: \$0

Loose: \$118.00

Psalm: Be merciful O Lord, we have sinned.

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.

Prayer Breakfast in Morgantown

Looking to deepen your faith? Join us for the *Magnificat* Chapter of Morgantown Inspirational Prayer Breakfast, March 3, 2018 at Lakeview Resort. Our inspirational speaker is Mary Shields. A CCD, Confirmation, and TEC teacher, Mary will share her beautiful story of saying yes to God and how her faith journey continually leads her to a deeper and more fulfilling relationship with Jesus.

Magnificat is a ministry to Catholic women aimed at strengthening and sharing our faith.

WHAT: Morgantown Magnificat Inspirational Prayer Breakfast

WHEN: Saturday, March 3, 2018, 9 am to noon (doors open at 8:15am)

WHERE: Lakeview Resort, 1 Lakeview Drive, Morgantown, WV 26508

GUEST SPEAKER: Mary Shields

RESERVATIONS: Cost \$20. Must register by February 24, 2018. Register online at magnificatmorgantown.org or call Pat at 304-296-8950. No tickets sold at the door.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Celebrate With Your Parish Family! 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. 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!

Payton Knicely – Feb. 19

Diana Thompson - Feb. 22

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, February 28 – Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Charleston.

Featured homilist: Rev. Bill Matheny, associate pastor of St. Michael Parish in Wheeling.

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.



Eucharistic Liturgies

Saturday, February 24

5 p.m. – For the WVWC Students (WVWC)

7 p.m. – John Bob Zirkle (Holy Rosary)

Sunday, February 25

9 a.m. – For our Parishioners (Holy Rosary)

noon - Father Joe (Sacred Heart)

Monday, February 26

7:30 a.m. – McDermott Family (Hospital)

Tuesday, February 27

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

Wednesday, February 28,

7 p.m. – Hans Moses (dec) (Holy Rosary)

Thursday, March 1

7:30 a.m. – Ethel Doyle (Hospital)

Friday, March 2 – FIRST FRIDAY

6 p.m. - Adoration and benediction

7 p.m. – Mandy Haderman (dec) (Holy Rosary)

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)