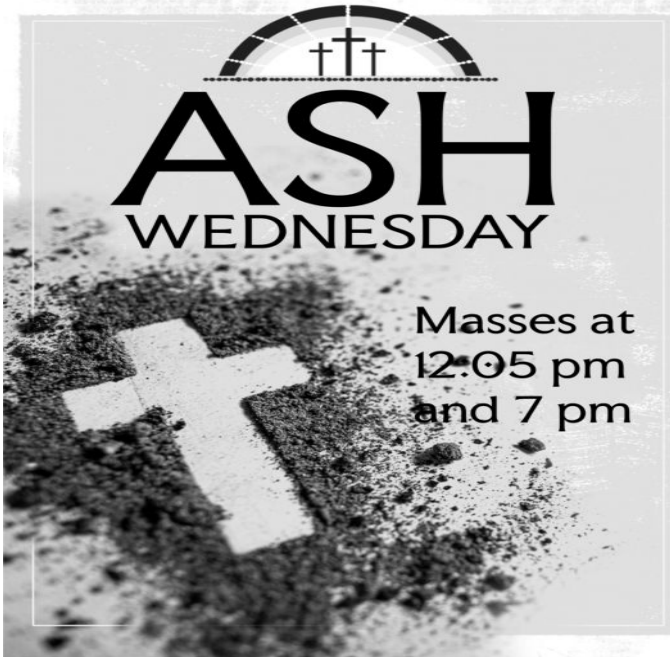


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Ash Wednesday

Why do Catholics receive ashes? Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent. Ashes burned from the palms from last year are placed on the forehead of each man, woman and child who comes forward on Wednesday. Historically, the custom of placing ashes on heads is an ancient penitential practice that began with the Hebrews. The appearance of "sackcloth and ashes" identified the sinner who was expelled from the church for forty days to begin a period of penance. "Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return" (Genesis 3:19) reminded them that death is the punishment for sin.

The Church today emphasizes a more positive aspect associated with the ashes as the priest says, "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel." The ashes are a physical reminder that during Lent God again gives us the opportunity to turn back to him with all our hearts and live the Gospel message. When we think that something had to be burned to create the ashes, we might ask ourselves what burning desires we have this Lent. Would we like to burn our sinful attitudes, or throw into the fire our selfish and worldly ways? Are we burning with love for our neighbors; can we offer our help to ease the burn that others feel? Are we burning with anticipation of spending more time with our Heavenly Father in prayer and Scripture reading?

This cross of ashes is the first step on our journey through Lent. It is the beginning of the fire that Jesus lights for us. The fire that lights our way in darkness and leads us to the path of salvation can only come from God. The dirty ashes on our foreheads will be wiped clean with the waters of Baptism. The ashes are only the beginning; if we turn back to our Father, his fire in us will burn forever.



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 15, 2026

So Long, Rick!

Our faithful choir director, Rick Manspeaker, is leaving Holy Rosary Parish. Rick has a new job, and will be moving to the great state of Texas next week. Rick, his dear wife Charity, and the entire Manspeaker family have shared their love of music and myriad music talents with our Holy Rosary Family for many years. Rick is our current choir director and member of the Handbell Choir. You might remember Rick playing his bass viola, serving as a cantor, and singing the Exultet at the Easter Vigil. Go with God, Rick, and many thanks for sharing your love of music with us.



Sacrament of the Sick This Weekend

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is offered to those who are afflicted with serious illness or who are about to undergo potentially dangerous or risky medical procedures. The Sacrament prays for physical healing as well as forgiveness of sins. The sacrament of the sick will be administered to any individual after each mass on February 14 and 15. Please come forward to be anointed immediately after mass.

Give Food this Lent

Mardi Gras was traditionally a way for Cajun Catholics to get rid of excess food before entering prayerfully into Lent. Let us mimic this tradition by helping our neighbor in need! The Parish House has seen an increase of need. Please donate non-perishable items and/or money to help fill the pantries of Upshur County this Lent.

The Youth Group will be collecting at Mass on February 14-15, Ash Wednesday, and February 21-22. Thank you for your generosity!

Join us for our Parish Lenten Retreat

Jesus is asking each one of us to 'watch and pray' during this Lenten Season, so let's do it!

Let's come together on Saturday morning, February 28, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm to watch and pray together. Deacon John Yaquina will lead us in a morning of "Watching and Praying" as we participate in various forms of prayer, all geared towards this sacred time of our liturgical year. The following methods of prayer will be discussed and experienced including Lectio Divina, Guided Meditation with the Rosary, Visio Divina, and Circle of Prayer. Deacon John will also touch on journaling, contemplative prayer, and charismatic prayer. Come early to grab a leisurely breakfast, and lunch will be served at noon.



A Look at Lent

Mass and Distribution of Ashes

12:05 pm and 7:00 pm Holy Hour 6 – 6:45 pm
We pray for God's mercy for our world.

Friday Mass and Stations of the Cross

All Friday masses during Lent will be at 6:30 pm in Holy Rosary Church. The stations of the Cross will begin immediately after the mass at 7 pm. The Stations will be led by different ministries in the parish. Stations of the Cross on February 20 will be led by our Eucharist Ministers.

Lenten Almsgiving

This Lent we will be collecting items to place in the 18 Blessing Boxes, located throughout Upshur County. We ask you, our fellow parishioners, to please join us in donating the suggested items. As items come in, members of Mercy Works Ministry will distribute the items throughout our county. The following are items suggested by the person who originated the idea in our county:

Boxed Milk, Pasta, Pop Top - Soup and Vegetables, Cooking Oil, Spices, Salt and Pepper, Tea Bags, Coffee, Sugar, Flour, Fresh Produce, Tuna, Crackers, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Sandwich Bread, Dishwashing Detergent, and Feminine Products. Please look for the designated collection boxes in the church entrance and hall, to place your donated items. Thank you!

Little Black Books

Once again we have ordered the "Little Black Books" to help you with your Lenten daily prayer. We also have a limited quantity of "Daily Reflections" and the "Word Among us for Lent."

Lenten Penance Service – March 16 at 7 pm.

Confessions before masses or anytime with appointment.

Rice Bowls – At this very moment millions of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers are experiencing life-threatening levels of hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition. While there is no one solution to breaking the cycle of hunger, we can make a difference by answering Jesus' invitation to us to share Bread for Life with our global family—so all may live with dignity. Pick up your Rice Bowl Collection boxes at the church entrances and in Marist Hall.

As we begin this holy season, may our hearts be open to Your truth. Grant us the grace to repent and embrace new life in You. Amen.

Prayers Please

Angela Endrizzi, Tony Derico, Bob Slaughter, Mark Cerullo, Rhonda Cerullo, Josephine Baxa, Kay Sienkiewicz, Bruce Maine, Jalen Welcome, Pat Daigneault, Dennis & Cindy Cortes, Felicia Endrizzi, Jeanne Norlin, Daniel Hyre, Jr., Arlene & Len Fumerola, Nicole Craig, Chris Sienkiewicz, P. T. Garton, Kaylee Hinkle, Sal Carmona, Libby Anderegg, Philip Stanton, Brandon Lill.

Please pray for our Homebound: Mary Stump, Ron Frye, Rocenia Asbury, James McCartney, Shirley Linger, Barbara Hillberry, Rose DeProspero, Linda Coyner, Jean Lantz, Janine Robinson, Barbara Elmore, Margaret Balli, William McLean, Elizabeth Griffith, Patricia Long, and Tom Sears.

Please pray for men and women in the military and please pray for those who have died. And don't forget to pray for our first responders.

Last Week's Offerings

Envelopes: \$2,195

Loose: \$166

Building Fund: \$115

Attendance: Saturday - 22

Sunday - 68



February Birthdays and Celebrations

Joe Kolodziej - Jan. 26

Ken Westfall - Feb. 6

Francis Boyles - Feb. 6

Jerry Moore - Feb. 15

Diana Thompson - Feb. 22

Alea Kolodziej - Feb. 24

Congratulations to Joe and

Alexa Kolodziej who celebrate their 33rd anniversary on Feb.20. Blessings to you!

Congratulations to Mike and Linda Hicks who celebrated their anniversary on February 6! Best wishes to you both!



Please Check the Envelope Boxes

Please check Marist Hall to pick up your box of 2026 envelopes. You may have gotten a box this year even if you haven't used them in the past. We sincerely thank all families for supporting our parish community!

Critical: We Really Need Mass Servers:



Youth and Adult

Would you consider helping at the altar during mass? We really need servers for our weekend

liturgies. The training is simple, and we can work with your individual schedules. We are accepting students (must have made their First Communion), men and

women for this ministry. We could also use someone to help us organize this important job. Pray about this opportunity, and contact Fr. Ed if you can help.

Mark Your Calendars

***Ash Wednesday** on Feb. 18 ~Mass at 12:05 and 7 pm

***Lenten Retreat** with Deacon John - Feb. 28

***Pre-Funeral Mass Planning Session**

Date: Saturday April 25, 2026. Time: 10am

Fr. Mark Scholarship: Applications are due by April 21, 2026 and copies can be downloaded at <http://stbrendanwv.weebly.com/>

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A few years into my priesthood, I hit a wall. I had taken on too many commitments: Masses, meetings, ministries, projects. I couldn't keep up. I was double-booking, forgetting things, running late, and letting people down. My boss at the time, a wise priest, and our shared secretary, noticed. For my birthday, the two gave me a stack of 100 flashcards, each with one word printed in a different language: "NO." It was funny, but also painfully true. If I couldn't say no, my yes was in danger.

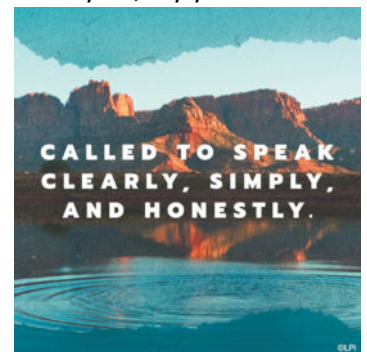
In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus says, "**Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No.'** Anything more is from the Evil One" (Matthew 5:37). He's not just

giving advice about polite speech. He's

showing us something about the freedom of Christian discipleship. The follower of Christ is called to speak clearly, simply, and honestly. There is joy in that kind of freedom.

The Church Fathers often linked this kind of straightforward truthfulness with spiritual maturity. The devil is the father of lies, but Jesus is the Word made flesh. When we hedge, flatter, exaggerate, or avoid, we open space for the shadows to creep in. That little stack of flashcards reminded me that God does not want us enslaved to the expectations of others or to the fear of disappointing them. He wants us to enjoy the peace of saying yes and meaning it, and saying no, and meaning it, too.

Lenten Challenge: Practice one moment of honest, peaceful speech this week. Maybe it's a sincere "yes" to something important, or a humble "no" to something you cannot do. Let it be a quiet step into the freedom Jesus offers.— *Father John Muir.* ©LPi



Liturgical Ministers	Sat. Feb. 14	Sun. Feb. 15	Sat. Feb. 21	Sun. Feb. 22
Lectors	John & Rachel W.	Sandy K. Jalna J.	Laurie A. Cheryl M.	Lindsay Z. Brenda A.
Greeters	Jerry & Cheryl	Mary K.	Nancy & Tony	Tracy M.
Musicians		Lena Rose Diane P.	Gini J. Shirley L.	Ed P. Diane P.
Eucharistic Ministers	Mike E. Rue T.	Mary S. Doris S. Rue T.	Rue T. John K.	Brenda A. Renee L. Rue T.

Sat. Feb. 14 7 pm	Parishioners	Holy Rosary
Sun. Feb. 15 9 am noon	Giovanna Ricottilli+ Sacred Heart Parishioners	Holy Rosary Sacred Heart
Mon. Feb. 16 7:30 am	Charles Sandreth+	Hospital
Tues. Feb. 17 7:30 am	John Gallagher+	Holy Rosary
Wed. Feb. 18 12:05 pm 6 pm Holy Hour 7 pm	Elizabeth Lanahan+ We pray for God's mercy in our world. Frances Beljan+	Holy Rosary
Thurs. Feb. 19 7:30 am	Jimmy Bradshaw	Holy Rosary
Fri. Feb. 20 7:30	Fr. Joe McLaughlin+	Hospital
Sat. Feb. 21 7 pm	Parishioners	Holy Rosary
Sun. Feb. 22 9 am	Elizabeth Lanham+	Holy Rosary



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
PRESENTS
**The
Seven
Sorrows
of Mary**

February 16: Simeon's Prophecy (Luke 2:25-35)
February 23: Egypt Flight (Matthew 2:13-15)
Lost in Temple (Luke 2:41-50)
March 2: To Calvary (Luke 23:27-31)
Crucifixion (John 19:25-30)
March 9: Down from the Cross (Luke 23:50-54)
Burial of Jesus (Luke 23:55-56)
5pm, Holy Rosary Parish Hall

Knights of Columbus
FISH FRY Fridays
Friday Dates
2/20, 2/27, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20 & 3/27
Eat in or Carry Out from 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
St. Brendan Parish Hall, Elkins WV
Adults \$12
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Under 5 free
DINNER MENU
Generous piece of crispy fish
fries, coleslaw,
drink & dessert

February 15 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
A Vocation View: 'You have heard that it was said...' Jesus challenges His disciples to a deeper embrace of His teachings. Embrace His teachings with your whole heart, mind and soul.
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This Week's Psalm Response
"Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!"

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