



Holy Rosary Catholic Church

Sacred Heart Chapel

February 22, 2026

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First
Sunday
in Lent

What can I do to keep the spirit and practice of Lent?

It is important for us to "tune up" our faith, taking some time to renew ourselves through prayer, meditation and education. By deepening our knowledge and understanding of faith, we are often better attuned to its richness and meaning for our life.

Lent is an intense retreat, a forty-day period of reflection and penance that prepares us to celebrate the passion, death and resurrection of Christ. Our communication with God and our awareness of him is the purpose of prayer. Setting aside extra time each day helps intensify the season. Prayer includes daily Mass, Stations of the Cross, communal penance services and private confession. Making restitution for sin as well as disciplining our hearts and minds to focus on God is the purpose of penance. It helps us restore a sense of balance to our souls, thrown off kilter by sin. Penance includes personal sacrifice, self-denial, fasting, almsgiving and charitable works.

Finally, spiritual practices help us sharpen our understanding and insight into the meaning and understanding of our faith. When you take your faith seriously, you do what is necessary to follow Jesus more closely, to integrate your life and your faith more carefully. ©LPi

1st Sunday of Lent Matthew 4:1-11

In my second-to-last year of seminary, I woke up one September morning to devastating news: two beloved classmates had died in a car crash. I was overwhelmed with grief and anger like I had never known. I entered therapy for the first time and had intense conversations with my spiritual director. For months I felt lost in a spiritual wilderness. But something unexpected happened: I encountered Christ there. The fear and sorrow didn't destroy me. In fact, that spiritual desert was a time of intense growth in faith.

Today's Gospel begins: "Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil" (Matthew 4:1). The word "led" denotes a gentle, humble submission to the Spirit. Jesus does not send himself into this desolate place where wild beasts roam and



Satan tempts. Who wants to be around roaming, wild beasts? The Church Fathers saw them as symbols of our inner chaos: fears, temptations, wounds. The Spirit leads us there,

sometimes against our wishes. But those same Fathers also saw that this deserted place is also where angels ministered to Jesus, amidst his great trial and temptation.

Lenten Challenge: This Lent and throughout life's struggles, the Spirit leads you and me into the wilderness. Name one "desert" into which the Spirit has led you: perhaps grief, fear, silence, change, disappointment. Ask for the grace to go there willingly. The beasts may be real, but they will not harm you. There, the angels are waiting to minister to the Christ living in you, who always goes where the Spirit leads. —
Father John Muir ©LPI

Thanks, Men!

We offer our special thanks this weekend to three parishioners who stepped up to design, build, and install our Lenten cross by the front of our church. Thanks to Joe, Dusty, and Arthur for their help with this project!

OCIA Candidates and Catechumens

This year we have several people who have been preparing to enter the church at the Easter Vigil. Our Catechumens: Haley Reed, Andrew Roth, and Caleb Corley will receive the sacraments of Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation. Our Candidates: Barry Burns, Judy Moore, Stephanie Jack, and Rachel Howard will receive the Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation. Please pray for these special people during Lent, that their preparation in these final weeks before Easter will bring them closer to the Lord Jesus.

Our Virtus Account is Being Audited

Our diocese is serious about the safety of our children. This March, our parish's Virtus Account will be audited to make sure that all employees, teachers, and volunteers who are around children and teens are up to date on their Virtus training and background checks. Please log in to your account today to update your information and training.

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. If you would like to send Rick a card, his new address is: 2200 Beacon Circle, Apt. 6202, League City, Texas 77573.

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 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 Yaquinta 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.

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.

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!



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

Thanks to Lynn and John for stepping up to serve at the altar. Would you also 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

*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/>

Last Week's Offerings

Envelopes: \$2,029

Loose: \$292

Building Fund: \$567

Attendance: Saturday - 41

Sunday – 110



A Look at Lent

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 27 will be led by our Pastoral Council.

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."

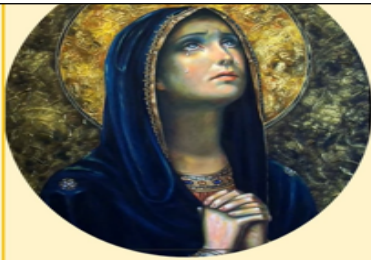
Lenten Penance Service – March 23 at 7 pm. Confessions before masses or anytime with appointment.

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.

Lenten Retreat Saturday, February 28. Check out the article and the flyer in the bulletin.

Liturgical Ministers	Sat. Feb. 21	Sun. Feb. 22	Sat. Feb. 28	Sun. Mar. 1
Lectors	Laurie A. Cheryl M.	Lindsay Z. Brenda A.	Rosanne W. Renee L.	Linda H. Andrea E.
Greeters	Nancy & Tony	Tracy M.	Marianne G.	Mary H.
Musicians	Gini J. Shirley L.	Ed P. Diane P.	Gini J. Shirley L.	Lena Rose W. Shirley L.
Eucharistic Ministers	Rue T. John K.	Brenda A. Renee L. Rue T.	Rue T. John W.	S. Smith Amy W. Rue T.

Sat. Feb. 21 7 pm	Parishioners	Holy Rosary
Sun. Feb. 22 9 am	Elizabeth Lanham+	Holy Rosary
Mon. Feb. 23 7:30 am	Noel Carmona Intentions	Hospital
Tues. Feb. 24 7:30 am	Charles Poundstone+	Holy Rosary
Wed. Feb. 25 6 pm Holy Hour 7 pm	<i>We pray for law enforcement and their families.</i> Salathiel Lanham+	Holy Rosary
Thurs. Feb. 26 7:30 am	Catherine Anderegg+	Holy Rosary
Fri. Feb. 27 6:30 pm	George Beljan+	Holy Rosary
Sat. Feb. 28 7 pm	Sal Carmona Intentions	Holy Rosary
Sun. March 1 9 am Noon	Parishioners	Holy Rosary Sacred Heart



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

This Week's Psalm Response
"Be merciful, O Lord for we have sinned!"

February 22 – First Sunday of Lent
 Through the obedience of Christ comes acquittal from sin. Through our obedience to Christ, we can be a conduit of Grace to this world.

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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
Kids (5-12) \$5
Under 5 free

DINNER MENU
 Generous piece of crispy fish fries, coleslaw, drink & dessert

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