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of Lower Burrell New Kensington

December 24, 2023
Fourth Sunday of
Advent



Saint Margaret Mary
3055 Leechburg Road
Lower Burrell, PA 15068

Saturday ~ 4:00 p.m.
Sunday ~ 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Daily Mass:
(Monday - Thursday)
7:30 a.m.



Mount Saint Peter
100 Freeport Road
New Kensington, PA 15068

Saturday ~ 4:30 p.m.
Sunday ~ 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

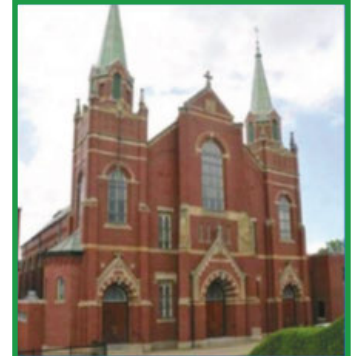
Daily Mass:
(Tuesday - Friday)
8:30 a.m.



Saint Joseph
1125 Leishman Avenue
New Kensington, PA 15068

Saturday ~ 4:00 p.m.
Sunday ~ 9:30 a.m.

Daily Mass:
(Monday - Wednesday, Friday)
12:30 p.m.



**Saint Mary of
Czestochowa**
857 Kenneth Avenue
New Kensington, PA 15068

Sunday ~ 7:30 & 11:30 a.m.

Daily Mass:
Monday ~ 8:30 a.m.
Thursday ~ 12:30 p.m.
Friday ~ 9:30 a.m.

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QR CODES

Below are QR codes that will link you to the Lower Burrell and New Kensington website.

You will find the details to all events and answers to your questions listed on the website.

Point your smart phone at the QR code for more parish information on the Lower Burrell website.



Point your smart phone at the QR code for more parish information on the New Kensington website.



SACRAMENTAL LIFE

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Considering entry into the Catholic Church?
Contact the Parish Office for more information.

SACRAMENT OF INFANT BAPTISM

Contact the Parish Office.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Contact the parish office at least **nine months** in advance for information and scheduling.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

12 noon - Saturdays at MSP
1:00 p.m. - Saturdays at St. Margaret Mary

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Contact Father Ken, Father Joel or Father Bimbot to request the sacrament.

MINISTRY OF HOME VISITATION

Contact the Parish Office at 724-335-9877 or the Sisters of Mary Immaculate at 724-845-2828.

The Eucharistic Table

SATURDAY, December 23, 2023 - St. John of Kanty

3:30 pm	SJ	Rosary	
4:00 pm	SJ	Laura Kozik (Helen & Bruce Kozik)	Father Bimbot
4:00 pm	SMM	Gary Mazzotta (Mom, Dad & Family)	Father Joel
4:30 pm	MSP	Pasquale & Elizabeth D'Eramo (Family)	Father Ken

SUNDAY, December 24, 2023 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:00 am	SM	Rosary	
7:30 am	SM	Rita Szul (Charles Brestensky, Jr.)	Father Bimbot
7:55 am	MSP	Rosary	
8:30 am	MSP	John Runco (Donna Muto & Family)	Father Ken
8:30 am	SMM	Special Intention	Father Joel
9:30 am	SJ	Living & Deceased of the Liberto and Clark Family	Father Bimbot
10:30 am	MSP	Joseph Azzaro (St. Anthony Guild)	Father Ken
11:00 am	SMM	Special Intention	Father Joel
11:00 am	SM	Rosary	
11:30 am	SM	Caryl Lee Olszewski (Daughter, Cassandra Castrianni)	Father Bimbot

SUNDAY, December 24, 2023 - Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord

4:00 pm	SMM	Special Intention	Father Ken
4:00 pm	SJ	Special Intention	Father Peck
4:30 pm	MSP	Special Intention	Father Joel
6:30 pm	SMM	Special Intention	Father Ken
7:00 pm	MSP	Special Intention	Father Bimbot
12:00 mn	SM	Special Intention	Father Bimbot

MONDAY, December 25, 2023 - The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

9:00 am	SM	Special Intention	Father Bimbot
9:30 am	SJ	Special Intention	Father Peck
10:30 pm	MSP	Special Intention	Msgr. Dominik
11:00 am	SMM	Special Intention	Father Joel

TUESDAY, December 26, 2023 - St. Stephen, the First Martyr

		NO Morning Mass or Eucharistic Adoration	
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WEDNESDAY, December 27, 2023 - Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist

7:30 am	SMM	Sue Hartford (Kevin Hartford)	Father Joel
8:30 am	MSP	John Toney (Family)	Father Bimbot
12:30 pm	SJ	In Memory of the 73rd Wedding Anniversary of Maura & Louis Heiles (Eileen & Jim Matyas)	Father Peck

The Eucharistic Table

THURSDAY, December 28, 2023 - The Holy Innocents

7:30 am	SMM	Deceased Members of the Farina & Larrow Families (Tony & Vicki Farina)	Father Joel
8:30 am	MSP	Karl Strittmatter (Rivi Family)	Father Bimbot
12:30 pm	SM	William Patterson (Virginia Smolenski)	Father Peck

FRIDAY, December 29, 2023 - Fifth Day Within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

8:30 am	MSP	John Sensi (Ted & Cathy Zitelli)	Father Bimbot
9:30 am	SM	Roy Hack (David Rejniak)	Father Joel
12:30 pm	SJ	Dario Massarelli (Edward Ostravecky)	Father Peck

SATURDAY, December 30, 2023 - Sixth Day Within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

2:00 pm	MSP	Brummett/Erdely Wedding	Father Bandura
2:00 pm	SMM	Baptism - Isabella Kathleen Johnson	Father Bimbot
3:00 pm	SMM	Baptism - Isabella Rose Shaw	Father Bimbot
3:00 pm	SJ	Baptism - Rory William Madden	Father Joel
3:30 pm	SJ	Rosary	
4:00 pm	SJ	Joseph Bodnar (Bob Bodnar)	Father Joel
4:00 pm	SMM	Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Keller (Son, Kevin Keller)	Father Bimbot
4:30 pm	MSP	Pasquale & Elizabeth D'Eramo (Family)	Father Ken

SUNDAY, December 31, 2023 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

7:00 am	SM	Rosary	
7:30 am	SM	Joan Korowicki Garbinski (Charlotte Polak)	Father Joel
7:55 am	MSP	Rosary	
8:30 am	MSP	In Honor of Nate Brown	Father Ken
8:30 am	SMM	Deceased Members of the Weiland & O'Donnell Families (Jaila O'Donnell)	Father Bimbot
9:30 am	SJ	Dorothy Shaw (Husband, John)	Father Joel
10:30 am	MSP	Dr. Fred Caputo (Scott & Sandy Laney)	Father Ken
11:00 am	SMM	Rick Cortez (St. Vincent Basilica Parish Staff)	Father Bimbot
12 noon	SMM	Baptism - Rocco Thomas LaCava	Father Levi
11:00 am	SM	Rosary	
11:30 am	SM	Health & Welfare of John E. Skubis (surgery for cancer and cure) (Maxine Schwartzman, cousin of John)	Father Joel

SUNDAY, December 31, 2023 - Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

4:00 pm	SJ	Special Intention	Father Peck
4:00 pm	SMM	Special Intention	Father Joel

MONDAY, January 1, 2024 - Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

9:00 am	SM	Special Intention	Father Bimbot
10:30 am	MSP	Special Intention	Msgr. Dominik
11:00 am	SMM	Special Intention	Father Ken



IN SYMPATHY

We commend to your prayers

John Friel, St. Joseph

Beatrice Wheeler, Mount Saint Peter

who died recently. May God welcome them to the joys of Paradise and bring comfort and peace to their families.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt. 1:1-25
 Night: Is 9:1-6; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
 Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Lk 2:15-20
 Day: Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18

Tuesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22

Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Thursday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Mt 2:13-18

Friday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:12-17, 23-24; Lk 2:36-40

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21; Lk 2:22-40

Christmas Week 2023

The NKCC Parish Office will be closed Monday, December 25 and Tuesday, December 26 in celebration of the Christmas holiday. The St. Margaret Mary Parish Office will be closed from Monday, December 25 through and including Wednesday, December 27.

In addition, the Parish Office will be closed Friday, December 29 through and including Tuesday, January 2 in observance of the New Year holiday. The staff of Mount Saint Peter, St. Joseph and St. Margaret Mary and St. Mary of Czestochowa Parishes wishes everyone a happy and blessed Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

NEW YEARS 2024

New Year's Eve - Sunday, December 31

NO SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. Joseph	4:00 PM
St. Margaret Mary	4:00 PM

New Year's Day - Monday, January 1

St. Mary	9:00 AM
Mount Saint Peter	10:30 AM
Saint Margaret Mary	11:00 AM



Lower Burrell Parish

(St. Margaret Mary)

A Peek at the Week. . .

Monday December 25	Parish Office Closed Merry Christmas
Tuesday December 26	Parish Office Closed Merry Christmas
Wednesday December 27	Parish Office Closed Merry Christmas
Saturday December 30	Baptism - Isabella Kathleen Johnson 2:00 PM Church
	Baptism - Isabella Rose Shaw 3:00 PM Church
Sunday December 31	Baptism - Rocco Thomas LaCava 3:00 PM Church

New Kensington Parishes

(Mt. St. Peter, St. Joseph, St. Mary)

A Peek at the Week. . .

Monday December 25	Parish Office Closed Merry Christmas
Tuesday December 26	Parish Office Closed Merry Christmas
Thursday December 28	No Breaking Bread Meal at Knead Community Café
Friday December 29	Parish Office Closed Happy New Year
Saturday December 30	Brummett/Erdely Wedding 2:00 PM MSP Church
	Baptism - Rory William Madden 3:00 PM SJ Church

NEW YEAR, NEW BIBLE STUDIES!

Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom begins Tuesday, January 9-May 28, 2024 from 11:00 AM-12:30 PM in the Freude Room at St. Margaret Mary Parish. Acts is the story of how a few Christians, empowered by the Holy Spirit and how they brought Good News to the ends of the earth. They faced secular forces, internal strife, and hostile crowds, and despite all of this, they brought the kingdom of God to a broken world, and the love of God to the hearts of men. Acts traces how the gospel witness spread outward in waves from Jerusalem and reveals how the seeds of the Church structure and authority took root. This study shows how the joys and struggles of the early Christians in living the life of Christ apply to us today. It will help you to see your place in the Church as a disciple of Christ.

Lectio: The Gospel of Mark begins Thursday, January 11-April 18, 2024 from 1:00 PM-2:30 PM in Peter's Table at Mount Saint Peter Disciple Center. Join in this powerful 14-part series to discover the Gospel of Mark like never before. Immerse yourself in this action-packed Gospel that offers Saint Peter's account of Christ's life and teaching. This Lectio series uses the Church's rich tradition of Lectio Divina to help you better understand and better pray with the Gospel of Mark.

Father Ken's Christmas Note

Second-guessing is the bane of Christmas shopping, and of life, too, for that matter. Yesterday, I friend of mine bought a gift for his wife; today he is wondering if he should have bought something else. He has been wondering, "Did I spend too much for too little, or too little for too much? Would my wife rather have something to wear, or something for the house instead of the gift I purchased?" He is now full of second guesses.

He realizes when he stops to think about the matter, that he is being absurd. After all, he tried to make a wise decision when he purchased the Christmas gift for his wife. He should just relax and hope for the best? When something is done, he should follow my grandmother's advice and "leave it lay." All of us would be happier and better off if we would give up second-guessing what we did yesterday or the day before. Nevertheless, we go on fretting and stewing.

I remember a motto I saw in a home I visited. It was on a typewritten card under the glass on a person's desk. It read: "Leave it to God." The motto makes sense. When we have done what seemed wise at the time, we may as well leave the outcome to God. We can't change yesterday by worrying about it today. Nevertheless, we go on worrying about what we did yesterday that we can't relax today.

Getting over the habit of second-guessing, even when it concerns Christmas gifts, is mostly a matter of faith. Saint Augustine was abundantly wise. It is reported that each evening he would go over the day that was ending, considering all he had said and done. If something was obviously wrong or un-Christian, he would resolve to make amends quickly. The rest he would forget and commend to the Father. "Take the day," he would pray, "and by thy grace redeem its evil and glorify its good." He would sleep then, knowing that "God gives His beloved sleep."

When we are beset by the habit of second-guessing, all we have said and done and so are forever troubled, grant us the grace to commit the consequences of our days into the hands of God.

On behalf of Fr. Joel and Fr. Bimbot, I, without second-guessing, wish all of you a very Merry Christmas.



Father Ken

STEWARDSHIP

December 9/10, 2023 - Collection Report

Mount Saint Peter

Offertory	\$ 9,678.00
Weekly EFT	\$ 2,442.00
Harvest for Haiti	\$ 655.00

Saint Mary

Offertory	\$ 5,342.00
Weekly EFT	\$ 265.00



Saint Joseph

Offertory	\$ 5,570.00
Weekly EFT	\$ 175.00

Saint Margaret Mary

Offertory	\$ 36,703.00
Weekly EFT	\$ 7,296.00
Immaculate Concept	\$ 1,131.00
Food Bank/Haiti	\$530/\$6,395
Maint/Other Misc	\$ 906/\$520



SECOND COLLECTION ON CHRISTMAS

As you are aware, every year the second collection at all Christmas Masses has been for those people living within our own diocese who are less fortunate than us. This collection is titled the "Children and Family Services Appeal." With the coming of the Christmas feast, which reminds us that the gift of God's own Son, Jesus Christ, was given to each of us without question of our merit or eligibility, we ask you to support the Children and Family Services Appeal.



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Being able to go to the National Catholic Youth Conference allowed me to grow closer to my faith. NCYC helped me to learn more about the Eucharist and what it means to be a Christian. Thank you for donating, it allows me and others to experience such an amazing trip.
~Valentine Krall



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Friday - 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

SMM Parish: Phone: 724-335-2336

Website: www.smmlb.org

Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon & 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Deadline for bulletin submissions for Sunday, January 7 is
Tuesday, January 2 at 10:00 a.m.

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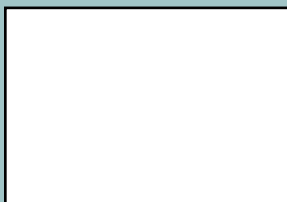
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