# **The Roman Catholic Parishes**

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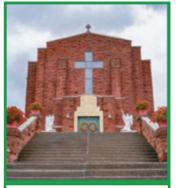
March 10, 2024 Fourth Sunday of Lent





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)

(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.

## Your presence here makes all the difference!

### 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	, March 9	9, 2024	
3:30 pm	SJ	Rosary	
4:00 pm	SJ	Bob Sprumont (Wife, Connie)	Father Ken
4:00 pm	SMM	Joseph Silicki (Joe & Patty Zaccagnini)	Father Joel
4:30 pm	MSP	Dominic E. Montemurro (Grandmother, Nancy Planitzer)	Father Bimbot
SUNDAY, I	March 10	), 2024 - Fourth Sunday of Lent	
7:00 am	SM	Rosary	
7:30 am	SM	Irene Karrs (Vince & Adele Perdeus)	Father Ken
7:55 am	MSP	Rosary	
8:30 am	MSP	Jane Marcantonio (Anthony & Marilee)	Father Bimbot
8:30 am	SMM	Deceased Members of Rychlinski & Mahu Families (C. R. Mahu)	Father Joel
9:00 am	SJ	Rosary	
9:30 am	SJ	Helen Erb (Diane Painter & St. Joseph Choir)	Father Ken
10:30 am	MSP	Living & Deceased Members of the St. Anthony Guild (St. Anthony Guild)	Father Bimbot
12:00 nn	MSP	Baptism - Amillia Jean O'Neil	Father Bimbo
11:00 am	SMM	Adam Farinelli (Josephine Farinelli)	Father Ken
12:00 nn	SMM	Baptisms - Onyx Michael Springer and Nicole Jane Springer	Father Joel
11:00 am	SM	Rosary	
11:30 am	SM	John Sensi (Carolyn, Maria & Brennan)	Father Ken
MONDAY, I	March 11	., 2024	
7:30 am	SMM	Mary Margaret Zuck (Terry Ligday Family)	Father Joel
8:30 am	SM	Barbara Zalepa (Richard & Family)	Father Ken
.2:30 pm	SJ	Dario Massarelli (Edward Ostravecky)	Father Bimbot
ruesday,	March 1	2, 2024	
7:30 am	SMM	Salina Duceour (Joan & Becca Duncan)	Father Joel
8:30 am	MSP	Geraldine Vairo (Divine Mercy Prayer Group)	Father Bimbot
12:30 pm	SJ	Connie Gentile (Rebecca Simpson)	Father Ken
2:00 pm	MSP	Eucharistic Adoration/Holy Hour of Mercy/Reposition	Father Bimbot
7:00 pm	SMM	Stations of the Cross	Father Joel
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7:30 am	SMM	Melvin, Barbara, Chris & Brian Bentley (Family & Friends)	Father Joel
8:30 am	MSP	Gloria Gentile (Son, John)	Father Bimbot
L2:30 pm	SJ	Robert A. Ventorini (Pat Sample)	Father Ken
1:00 pm	SJ	Stations of the Cross	Father Ken
THURSDAY	, March	14, 2024	·
		No Morning Mass - Catholic Schools Breakfast	All Priests

		The Eucharistic Table	
FRIDAY, Ma	rch 15, 2	2024	
8:30 am	MSP	Special Intention (Tricia & Ted)	Father Ken
9:30 am	SM	John Pawlik (Charlotte Polak)	Father Bimbot
12:30 pm	SJ	William Sams (Jack J. Bellone)	Father Joel
12 nn-5 pm	SMM	Eucharistic Adoration	
SATURDAY,	March :	16, 2024	
12:00 nn	MSP	Sacrament of Reconciliation	Father Joel
1:00 pm	SMM	Sacrament of Reconciliation	Father Ken
3:30 pm	SJ	Rosary	
4:00 pm	SJ	Robert Sprumont (Kim McAfoose)	Father Bimbot
4:00 pm	SMM	Francis Calligan (Andrea & Bob Nogal)	Father Ken
4:30 pm	MSP	Elena Moret (Moret Family)	Father Joel
SUNDAY, N	larch 17	', 2024 - Fifth Sunday of Lent	
7:00 am	SM	Rosary	
7:30 am	SM	The Kankoski & Martin Families (Michael & Doreen Martin)	Father Bimbo
7:55 am	MSP	Rosary	
8:30 am	MSP	Josephine Hont (Cichowski/Pasquariello Families)	Father Joel
8:30 am	SMM	Mary & Louis Molli (Bernadette Wallace)	Father Ken
9:00 am	SJ	Rosary	
9:30 am	SJ	For All Living & Deceased Parishioners	Father Bimbo
10:30 am	MSP	Deceased Members of the Nee Family (Maureen Caputo)	Father Joel
11:00 am	SMM	Kristen Rusiewicz (Parents & Brothers)	Father Ken
11:00 am	SM	Rosary	
11:30 am	SM	Edna Mae Tuschak (Her Children, Susan, Mary Ann & Frank)	Father Bimbo



#### **ADDOLORATA SOCIETY**

The members of the Addolorata Society of Mount Saint Peter Parish will gather for their Spring Meeting on **Sunday, March 17** after the 10:30 AM

Mass. Please bring your rosary. The meeting will follow Mass in Marble Hall. All members are encouraged to attend. Light refreshments will be served.

#### **FOOD SALE**

Pierogi, stuffed cabbage rolls and haluski will be available for sale **while supplies last** on Sunday, March 17 after Masses in St. Mary Friendship Hall. Pierogi will be sold for \$12/dozen, stuffed cabbage rolls are 3/\$12 and haluski is \$8/quart.



#### LENTEN COMMUNITY RECONCILIATION SERVICES

Everyone is highly encouraged to attend one of these services as there are no Saturday confessions at either St. Margaret Mary or Mount Saint Peter on March 23 or March 30.

Monday, March 18 Wednesday, March 20 Saturday, March 23 Monday, March 25 1:30 PM 6:30 PM 1:00 PM 1:15 PM Our Lady Queen of Peace, East Vandergrift Saint Margaret Mary, Lower Burrell Christ the King, Leechburg Saint Joseph, New Kensington

Take part in the Community Reconciliation Services or the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and experience again God's loving mercy.

## Father Ken's Lenten Note

### "Faith for Foul Weather"

Optimism is the practice of looking on the bright side of things, the tendency to take the most hopeful view of difficult matters. It isn't a jaunty, brainless, happy-go-lucky attitude that refuses to see things as they are. There is nothing sentimental or unrealistic about it, or it would be impossible to call Jesus an optimist.

Jesus was an optimist in the sense that he refused to concede defeat. "Be of good cheer," he said. "I have overcome the world." He was not simply whistling in the dark. On the contrary, he was abundantly confident that as he stood by love and truth, goodness and beauty, they would stand by him. He was sure that as he traveled with the will of God, the strength of God would travel with him. It was as simple and yet as profound as that. Do You Have Fair-Weather Faith?

Jesus never shut his eyes to the sorrow and the hurt people endured. He saw everything with compassionate eyes. He was haunted by the tired, sad faces of men and women. Under the surface of the world's life, he saw the cancer of human sin destroying hope and joy. He knew evil must be resisted and wrong made right. He faced things as they were with his head up still saying, "Be of good cheer."

Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence. Helen Keller The optimism of Jesus had its roots in God. "Have faith in God," he said to those who were troubled and wounded by life. It wasn't a matter of his believing that since "God's in his heaven, all's right with the world." He knew things were not right. He was certain, however, that the faithful person, living in obedience to the best he knew, would find courage and strength to come through undefeated. He might blunder into a cross, but there would be an Easter dawn.

Father Ken

saint margaret mary parish is hosting a Lenten Speaker Series

Thursday Evenings

March 7

March 14

March 21



Please join us for this special evening of reflection

Monsignor James T. Gaston Each session will be in the church from 7:00 pm-8:15 pm with a reception following.



#### MARRIAGE

We extend our best wishes and congratulations to

Brian and Alyssa (Livorio) Lindo

who were married this weekend.

May the Lord deepen their love for each other and bless them as they begin their life together.



#### **DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP**

The Divine Mercy Prayer Group will gather for prayers and discussion at 9:00 AM on **Tuesday, March 12** in Peter's Table at Mount Saint Peter

Church. To join the group, contact Kay Reano at 724-448-5857 or greano@comcast.net.

#### ST. MARY CHRISTIAN MOTHERS MEETING

St. Mary Christian Mothers will meet on **Tuesday, March 12,** at 6:00 PM in St. Mary Friendship Hall. All members are encouraged to attend. New members are always welcome.

#### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday:	ls 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday:	Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday:	ls 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30
Thursday:	Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47
Friday:	Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday:	Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday:	Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33



	Lower Burrell Parish			
	(St. Margaret Mary)			
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March 12	9:30 am			
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	5:00 pm-6:30 pm	Church	M	
	Pastoral Council Meeting			
	6:30 pm-8:30 pm	Room B-1		
	Knights of Columbus Busir 7:00 pm-8:30 pm F	reude Room		
	Stations of the Cross		M	
	7:00 pm	Church		
Wednesday	Men's Bible Study Group			
March 13	6:30 am	Lobby		
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	6:00 pm	Church	S	
	Middle & High School Yo		M	
	6:30 pm-8:00 pm	Room B-1	s	
	Adult Choir	Church	M	
Thursday	6:45 pm-8:45 pm Social Committee Meetin			
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New Kensington Parishes (Mt. St. Peter, St. Joseph, St. Mary) A Peek at the Week. . .

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	10:30 am Mass	MSP Church
	RCIA 11:30 am-1:00 pm	Peter's Table
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	12:00 NN	MSP Church
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	6:00 pm MQA-Fi	reeport Rd Site
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The MQA Girl Scout Troop will be selling cookies **this weekend** at **St. Joseph** after Masses and at **St. Mary** after the 11:30 AM Mass. Cookies will be sold at **Mount Saint** 

**Peter** after Masses the weekend of **March16/17**. Please help support this annual fundraiser.

#### ST. MARY HOLY NAME BINGO

Sunday, March 10 at 1:00 PM in Friendship Hall! Regular BINGOs (24) are \$12 and paid in advance at the door. Extra cards are 50 conts each



door. Extra cards are 50 cents each. All regular BINGOs are 50/50 split. Final game is \$1 per card with winner take all. Player must have played at least 10 games to be eligible. Lunch is

available for \$6 and includes a dessert and drink.

Please remember: All players must be 18 years of age.

### MAILBOX MINISTRY

Let's brighten someone's day! Through the simple act of creating and sending a handmade greeting card, we are enacting one of God's foremost

commandments, that we *love one another*. Come join us **Monday afternoon**, **March 11**, **from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm** in **Marble Hall** to create beautiful greeting cards that will be sent to our parishioners who reside in nursing homes and assisted living facilities. No special skill is needed, and all materials are provided.

For additional information, please contact Patty Stone at applepattieannie@hotmail.com. Can't wait to see you!



## ATTENTION STUFFED CABBAGE MAKERS!

Volunteers with **diocesan clearances** from all four parishes are welcome to assist in making

stuffed cabbages on **Tuesday, March 12 and Wednesday, March 13** at **9:00 AM. NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!** All help is greatly welcome.

### CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS MEETING



A meeting will be held on **Tuesday**, **March 12** at **6:00 PM** in **Mary Queen of Apostles Greenwald Site Cafeteria** on Elmtree Road.

All members are encouraged to attend. New members are always

welcome. For more information, contact Regent Theresa Shields at 412-302-6761.

Court New Kensington was formed 100 years ago on March 2, 1924, A celebration of this milestone will be coming soon.



## Mount St. Peter Church 2024 Fish Fry Menu Fridays

## February 16 - March 22

## 11:00 AM-2:00 PM 4:00 PM-7:00 PM (Lunch) (Dinner) Marble Hall Eat-In or Take-Out

Fish Dinner (Hand breaded - baked, fried or gluten-free fish, cole slaw, steak fries, bun) \$15.00

Fish Sandwich (Hand breaded - baked,fried fish, bun)	\$12.00
Fried Shrimp & Steak Fries Basket (10 pieces with cole slaw )	\$14.00
Linguine with Marinara Sauce & roll	\$10.00
Pasta Aglio e Olio (garlic & oil) & roll	\$10.00
Side of Linguine with Marinara Sauce	\$ 6.00
Side of Pasta Aglio e Olio	\$ 6.00
Side of Fried Shrimp (5 pieces)	\$ 6.00
Homemade Macaroni & Cheese	\$ 6.00
Pasta e Fagioli Individual \$ 5.00 / Quart	\$ 8.00
Steak Fries	\$ 5.00
Cole Slaw	\$ 3.00
Pop/Water	\$ 1.00

#### CREDIT / DEBIT CARDS NOW ACCEPTED

For Take-Out Orders call 724-335-1458

(Calls accepted 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM and from 3:30 PM-6:30 PM. Order must be picked up by 7:00 PM.)

Allow minimum of 45 to 60 minutes for order prep before pickup.

#### **CALLING ALL BAKERS!**

The bake sale table at the Fish Fry is back! Please consider donating your favorite yummy treats. Drop your baked goods on Fridays during Lent beginning at 9:00 AM in Marble Hall. Thank you in advance for helping to make this year a success.





### **ST. ANTHONY GUILD** EASTER BREAD DELIVERY

Your help is needed as the St. Anthony Guild continues our outreach to parishioners who are homebound, reside in nursing facilities or are ninety years young. We will

meet Saturday, March 22 at 9:30 AM in MSP's Marble Hall to begin Easter bread deliveries.

You can make deliveries that day or shortly after at your convenience. We have limited our delivery area so we won't have to travel as far. All three parishes are represented, so we would like to see volunteers from the entire New Kensington Catholic Community. School and Confirmation service hours can be obtained.

Before embarking on your deliveries, there will be a short prayer service in Marble Hall with a review of new procedures for nursing homes and care facilities. Easter bread will be organized by addresses for easy pickup and delivery to nearby areas.

For more information and/or to volunteer, please contact Darlene Resek at 724-335-3536.



## LENTEN LUNCH AND WORSHIP WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2024 12:00 NOON

Logan's Ferry Presbyterian Church 750 Church Street, New Kensington



**Everyone Invited and Welcome!** Make this be a part of your Lenten journey! **No Reservations Needed!** 

#### **HELP WANTED!**

Mount Saint Peter Parish is looking for a Janitor/ Cleaning individual for the Church and Church buildings. If you are interested, please call the office or email Bill Staniszewski wstaniszewski@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

## Saint Joseph High School News

#### **Congratulations!**

Saint Joseph High School announces the following parishioners of the Roman Catholic Parishes of Lower Burrell and New Kensington have made the Saint Joseph High School Honor Roll.

#### **Highest Honors**

Addison Barr Bailey Linza Maria Kuhns Kylie Krzewinski Niviah Andree Daniel Staniszewski Louisa Palumbo Isabella Thomas	Senior Senior Senior Senior Sophomore Senior Freshman Freshman	St. Margaret Mary St. Mary of Czestochowa Mount Saint Peter St. Joseph Mount Saint Peter St. Joseph Mount Saint Peter St. Margaret Mary
<u>High Honors</u> Sydney McKinzie	Freshman	Mount Saint Peter
<u>Honors</u> Mia Andring Mattalie Bayne Donovan Polito Logan Polito	Freshman Freshman Senior Freshman	St. Margaret Mary Mount Saint Peter St. Mary of Czestochowa Mount Saint Peter

Highest Honors - 40+ High Honors - 3.75+ Honors - 3.50+

Many scholarships are available making Catholic education more affordable! Apply online at SaintJosephHS.com or contact the Admission office at 724-226-2819.

#### **OPEN HOUSE RESCHEDULED**

Due to the Girls' Basketball Team playing in the WPIAL Championship Game on March 2, the Saint Joseph High School Open House has been rescheduled for Saturday, March 23.

Haven't registered yet? There's still time! Join us for an immersive visit-tour the campus, meet the exceptional faculty and staff, connect with current students and parents, and explore all things SJHS.

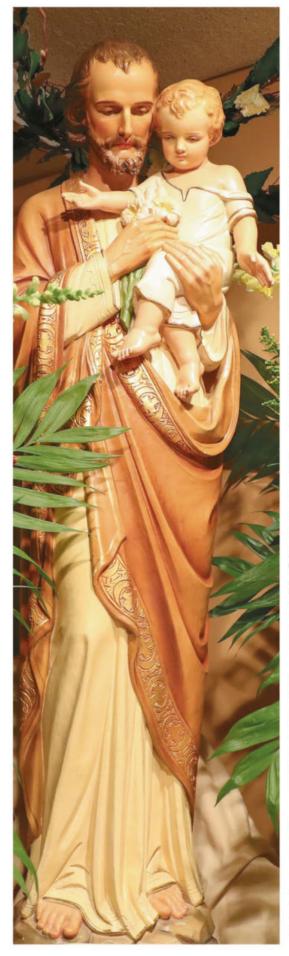
Register online at SaintJosephHS.com.



#### **SPRING CLINIC & SUMMER CAMPS**

Whether you are passionate about the arts, science, athletics, or simply looking for a chance to explore and have fun, we've got something for everyone! Our faculty and coaches are eager to lead these camps and clinics. In addition, they will have special quest appearances from Saint Joseph Alumni who are now collegiate athletes or specialists in the arts!

To register, learn more about program offerings, or to read the biographies of the camp instructors, visit SaintJosephHS.com/ tickets



## **DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG** SAINT JOSEPH PILGRIMAGE MARCH 18 & 19, 2024

Bishop Larry J. Kulick will lead a pilgrimage to the four Saint Joseph parishes and Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, to dedicate the Diocese of Greensburg to the guardianship and protection of Saint Joseph for the Eucharistic Revival Year of Mission in 2024, the Jubilee Year of 2025, and the 75th Anniversary of the Diocese of Greensburg in 2026. Patron of the Universal Church, Families, Workers, Immigrants, and a Happy Death, Saint Joseph nurtured the child Jesus in the first Eucharistic Adoration Chapel in his home in Nazareth, responded with faith each time he was called by God, and is a model to us of faithful discipleship as we live our mission as Eucharistic people. Each site along the pilgrimage will focus on a different aspect as Joseph as a faithful disciple, helping us to strengthen and rededicate our own relationship with Jesus Christ.

#### SAINT JOSEPH: PATRON OF WORKERS

#### Monday, March 18, 6 PM Saint Joseph Parish, New Kensington

Evening Prayer with special presentation on Saint Joseph the Worker by author Mike Aquilina from the Saint Paul Center for Biblical Theology.

#### SAINT JOSEPH: PATRON OF A HAPPY DEATH

**Tuesday, March 19, 9 AM Saint Joseph Parish, Derry** Morning Prayer for Saint Joseph, Patron of a Happy Death, with presentation on estate and funeral planning.

#### MASS FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF SAINT JOSEPH

#### Tuesday, March 19, 11:45 AM Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg Mass for the Solemnity of Saint Joseph with Promulgation

Mass for the Solemnity of Saint Joseph with Promulgation of Bishop Kulick's Pastoral Letter dedicating the Diocese to the guardianship and protection of Saint Joseph.

#### SAINT JOSEPH: PATRON OF IMMIGRANTS

#### Tuesday, March 19, 2:30 PM Saint Joseph Parish, Everson

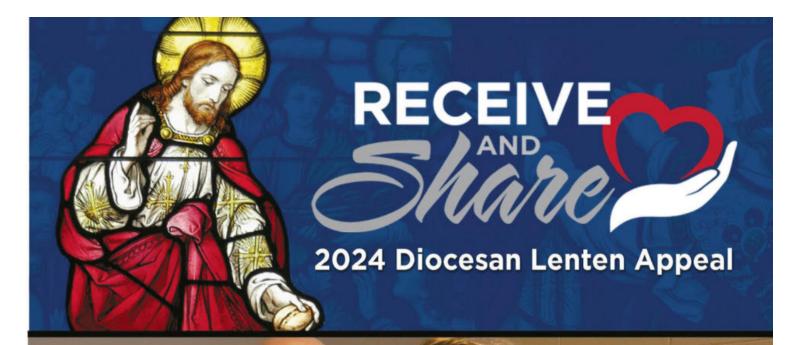
Afternoon Prayer with Building a Saint Joseph Altar. All are invited to bring non-perishable food and supplies to offer in thanksgiving for Saint Joseph's intercession. Items donated will be distributed to families in need throughout the Diocese.

## SAINT JOSEPH: PROTECTOR OF THE EUCHARISTIC LORD

#### Tuesday, March 19, 6 PM Saint Joseph Parish, Uniontown

Holy Hour with presentation on Saint Joseph, Protector of the Eucharistic Lord, Patron of Families, and Fosterer of Vocations.





# Enhance the Diaconate Program

More than a dozen Permanent Deacons have been ordained in the Diocese of Greensburg since the inception of the program in 2005. They assist pastors in the liturgical and pastoral care of the faithful. Your support assists in their education and formation.

Diocese <sup>of</sup> Greensburg

## Donate today at DioceseofGreensburg.org/DLA2024

## **STEWARDSHIP**

## February 24-25, 2024 - Collection Report

Mount Saint Peter					
Offertory	\$	8,542.00			
Weekly EFT	\$	2,452.00			



Saint Joseph					
Offertory	\$	5,168.00			
Weekly EFT	\$	175.00			

#### St. Mary of Czestochowa

Offertory	\$ 4,189.00
Weekly EFT	\$ 265.00



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Weekly EFT	\$	175.00
St. Margaret Mary		
Offertory	\$	8,011.00
Weekly EFT	\$	2,635.00
Other Misc.	\$	444.00



#### CATECHESIS CORNER - THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

"Why do I have to go to confession? I can talk to God anywhere." You may have heard these comments from friends, family members, or even said them yourself. It is true we can talk to God anytime and anywhere. But if that is all we need to do, then why did Jesus give us this sacrament? A sacrament is an outward sign, instituted by Christ, to give

grace. Confessing our sins is an outward sign. The priest represents Jesus Christ and in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we acknowledge our sins before God and His Church. The risen Lord instituted this sacrament on the evening of Easter when he showed himself to his apostles and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." (John 20:22-23) And through this sacrament, we receive grace which is the help God gives us to do what is good and right. There is nothing we can do that will make God stop loving us. God is always willing to forgive us when we are sorry. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a great blessing! And Lent is a perfect time to receive these blessings.

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