

# Our Catholic Life

February 23, 2025



**Holy Rosary Mission**  
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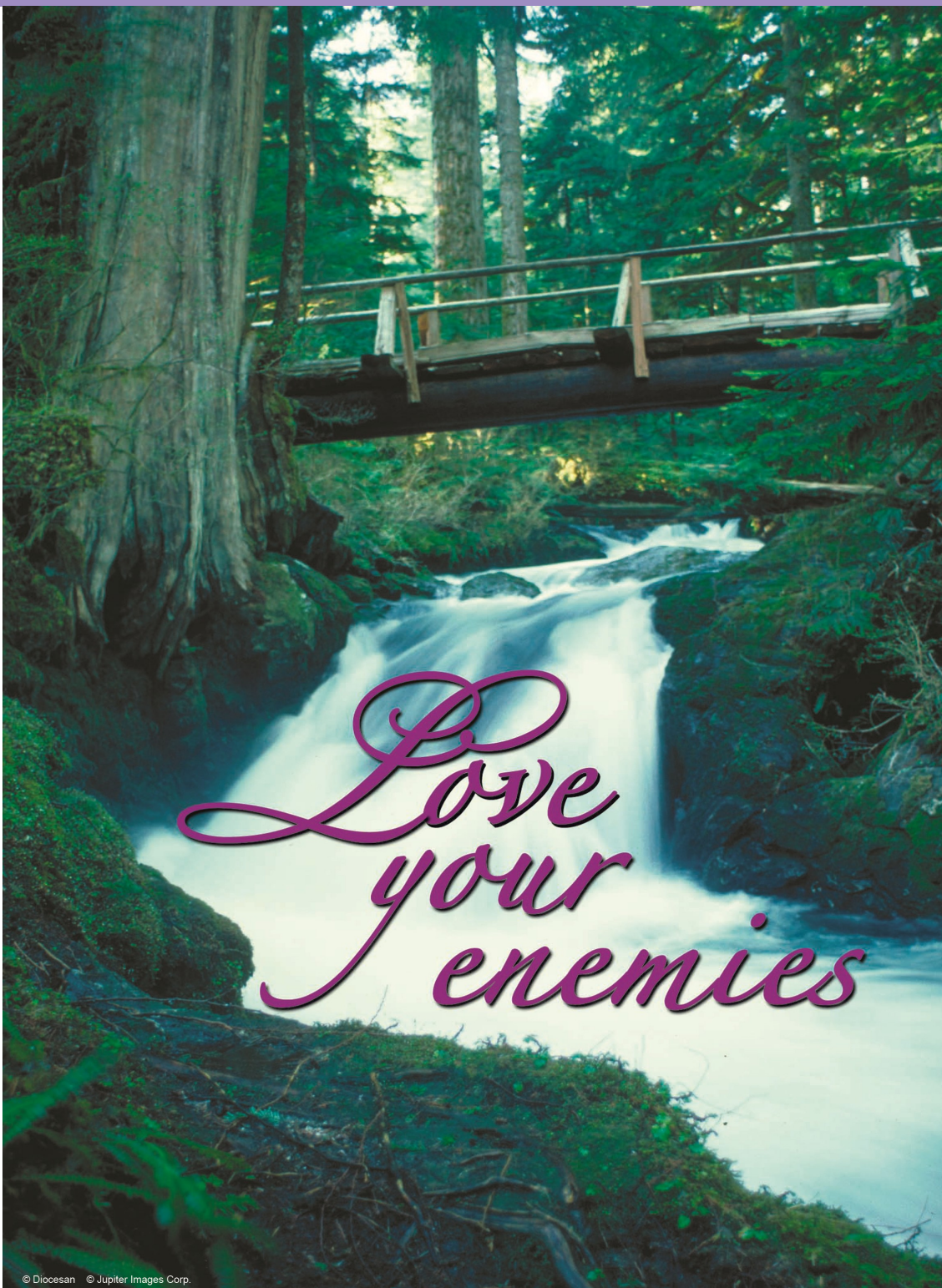
**Mater Dolorosa Parish**  
302 East Main Street  
Paden City, WV 26159



**Saint Joseph Mission**  
64 Frohnafel Lane  
Proctor, WV 26055



**Saint Vincent de Paul Parish**  
21 Rosary Road  
New Martinsville, WV 26155



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Serving the Catholic Communities of Marshall, Wetzel and Tyler Counties  
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## Seventh Week in Ordinary Time

**Sacramental & Pastoral Schedule for the Fourth Week in Ordinary Time  
16 February 2025—22 February 2025**

Holy See's February Intention

**Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.**

**Thursday—Seventh week of Ordinary Time—27 February**

Sir 5:1-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mk 9:41-50

**8:30am** Mass at Mater Dolorosa for Intentions of Bertha Schrader

**5:00pm** Adoration at St. Vincent de Paul

**6:00pm** Mass at St. Vincent de Paul for + Clara and Okey Tuttle

**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time —23 February**

1 Sam 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Ps 103; 1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

**Mater Dolorosa—Vigil Mass**

**4:00p** Confessions

**5:00p** Mass for the People of the Parishes

**St. Joseph**

**8:00a** Mass for + John Albert Herrick, Sr.

**St. Vincent de Paul**

**10:30a** Mass for + Bennie & Helen Marie Rodriquez

**Holy Rosary**

**12:30p** Mass for + Richard Sawyer

**Friday—Seventh week of Ordinary Time—28 February**

Sir 6:5-17; Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35; Mk 10:1-12

**8:30am** Mass at St. Vincent de Paul for + George J. Lilkendey

**Saturday —Seventh week of Ordinary Time—1 March**

Sir 17:1-15; Ps 103:13-14, 15-16, 17-18; Mk 10:13-16

**No Mass**

**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time —2 March**

Sir 27:4-7; Ps 92:2-3, 13-14; 15-16; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

**Mater Dolorosa—Vigil Mass**

**4:00p** Confessions

**5:00p** Mass for the People of the Parishes

**St. Joseph**

**8:00a** Mass for + Fr. Leo Lyden

**St. Vincent de Paul**

**10:30a** Mass for + Bernard and Luella Estep

**Holy Rosary**

**12:30p** Mass for + Lorraine Owens

**Monday —Seventh week of Ordinary Time—24 February**

Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29

**No Mass**

**Food Pantry Open @ SVdeP**

**Tuesday —Seventh week of Ordinary Time—25 February**

Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37

**8:30am** Mass at St. Vincent de Paul for + Joseph Helman

**5:00pm** Adoration at St. Joseph

**6:00pm** at St. Joseph for + Theresa Hunt

**Food Pantry Open @ SVdeP**

**Wednesday—Seventh week of Ordinary Time—26 February**

Sir 4:11-19; Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175; Mk 9:38-40

**8:30am** Mass at St. Vincent de Paul for + Greg Estep

**5:00pm** Adoration at Mater Dolorosa

**6:00pm** Mass at Mater Dolorosa for + Gail Yeater



February is the month dedicated to the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. It's also a time to transition from Christmas to Lent.

To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. In addition to civil authorities, to report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact the Diocese at 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880. Please visit [www.dwc.org](http://www.dwc.org) under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.

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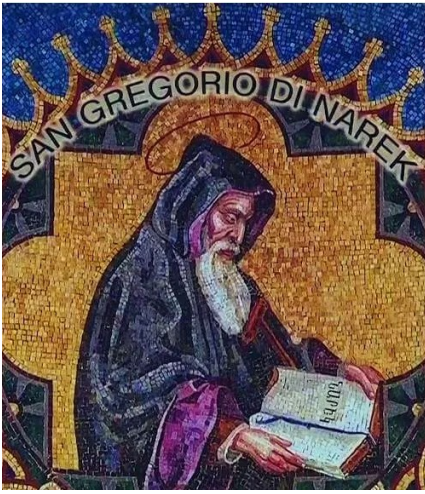
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## February 27: Saint Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church— Optional Memorial

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Widely venerated in the Armenian Church

Declared a Doctor of the Church in 2015 and inscribed on the Church Calendar as an Optional Memorial by Pope Francis in 2021

Evangelized by the Apostles Saint Jude Thaddeus and Saint Bartholomew, Armenia became—in 301—the first kingdom to make Christianity its official religion. The Church thrived in Armenia, but in 451, the Armenian Church separated from the Church of Rome over disagreements on doctrine from the Council

of Chalcedon. The Armenian Church remained an apostolic Church, its Sacraments and life of prayer continued, but the division remained. Attempts at reunification have intensified in recent decades, and the honoring of Saint Gregory of Narek is the Roman Church's most recent attempt to more fully unite with the Eastern Church of Armenia.

Gregory was born in 951, near Lake Van in modern-day Turkey. His mother died when he was young, leading to his deep devotion to our Blessed Mother. His father was the ruling prince of the Andzevatsiq province and an Armenian bishop and scholar whose support of some of the teachings of the Council of Chalcedon led to his excommunication from the Armenian Church.

After their mother's death, Gregory and his older brother were sent to live at the Monastery of Narek. At about the age of twenty-six, Gregory was ordained a priest for the monastery and remained there for the rest of his life, teaching theology in the monastery's school.

Shortly after his ordination to the priesthood, Gregory wrote a commentary on the Song of Songs. He also wrote commentary on the Book of Job, and numerous chants, homilies, and speeches that sang the praises of holy men. Toward the end of his life, he wrote his most famous work, *The Book of Lamentations*, or, as it is commonly known today, *The Book of Narek*.

Gregory's father taught him to remain in continuous dialogue with God, ever attentive to His divine presence. *The Book of Narek* is a compilation of ninety-five prayers that flow from that dialogue. Each begins with the phrase, "Speaking with God from the Depths of the Heart." The prayers express a troubled—even tormented—soul's deepest love of God. The torment is not despair, but an interior expression of hope from a soul in touch with its fallen humanity and sin, while also keenly aware of God's mercy. His prayers reflect the psalms and are similar to Saint Augustine's *Confessions*. Saint Gregory states that these prayers were written "by the finger of God" (*Prayer 34*) and that he saw God, as he says, "with my own eyes" (*Prayer 27f*).

In the centuries after Gregory's death, Armenia suffered greatly under foreign domination, culminating in the Armenian genocide when the Turks murdered an estimated 1–1.8 million Armenians in 1915-16. During their suffering, the Armenian people relied on Saint Gregory's book of prayers. When Pope Francis declared Saint Gregory a Doctor of the Church, the book of prayers became accessible to the whole world. Let us conclude with the ending of Gregory's final prayer.

*Prepare the earth for the day of light and let the soil bloom and bring forth fruit, heavenly cup of life-giving blood, ever sacrificed, never running dry all for the salvation and life of the souls in eternal rest. And though my body die in sin, with Your grace and compassion, may I be strengthened in You, cleansed of sin through You, and renewed by You with life everlasting, and at the resurrection of the righteous be deemed worthy of Your Father's blessing. To Him together with You, all glory, and with the Holy Spirit, praise and resounding thanks, now, always and forever, Amen.*

*From the Desk of Father Joseph*

**Parish Membership**—Welcome, new members, to Our Parishes. To register as a new or returning member of the parish, please contact the Parish Office at 304-455-4615. *Make sure to identify yourself as a new or returning member to Fr. Joseph before or after Mass.*

**Baptism**— For infant Baptism, please contact Father Joseph Abraham. Pre-Baptism sessions are normally required and will be arranged with Father Joseph.

**Marriage**—The couple must contact Father Joseph Abraham at least **six months** in advance to begin preparation requirements. *A date cannot be set until you have met with the priest.*

**Sacrament of Reconciliation/Penance**—Saturday, 4 to 5pm, Mater Dolorosa Church in Paden City; Tuesday through Thursday before evening Masses in Parish Cluster Churches; other times by appointment with Father Joseph.

**Sick and Homebound Ministry**—If you or a family member is sick, hospitalized, or homebound, please contact the Parish Cluster Office at 304-455-4615 to be placed on our Communion & Visitation list. *In an emergency or for the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, please contact Father Joseph at 304-435-9709.*

**House Blessing**—Anyone may request this blessing by reaching out to the Parish Cluster Office at 304-455-4615 to have this scheduled.

Fr. Joseph Abraham is available for you at any time of the day or night for spiritual assistance. If you need him, call 304-455-4615 or text (or call) his phone after office hours for emergencies only: 304-435-9709.

For spiritual assistance, you may also contact Deacon Bill Klug by calling or texting 304-596-1337.

**Guidelines for the Reception of Communion**

As Catholics, we fully participate in the Celebration of the Eucharist when we receive Holy Communion. We are encouraged to receive devoutly and frequently. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should not be conscious of grave sin and normally shall have fasted for one hour. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord without prior sacramental confession.

When we come forward to receive Jesus in the form of Body and Blood, we keep in mind Jesus really and fully present in the form of bread and in the form of wine. We really share His Body and Blood. Therefore, when we come to receive Him, it is a heavenly experience of welcoming Him to our heart, to body, and to life.

So, following is the ACT of receiving the BODY and BLOOD: BOW DOWN; say AMEN; RECEIVE the bread; CONSUME [Do Not take the Blessed Body beyond the cup without consuming it.]; make the SIGN of the CROSS. Move to the cup; BOW DOWN **whether or not you are drinking the blood**; consume the Blood if you choose; MAKE the SIGN of the CROSS and GO back to the seats.

All who are not receiving Holy Communion are encouraged to express in their hearts a prayerful desire for unity with the Lord Jesus and with one another and are welcome to come forward to show reverence and adoration to Jesus. This can be done by coming forward, bowing down while crossing hands placed on the chest. At this point, a blessing is given by the priest. After the blessing, a person should move to the cup, bow down, and show reverence before going back to the seats.



To the Family of Anne Louise Hohman-Spencer  
Please know that your family is in our thoughts and prayers.  
May Anne and all the Faithful Departed Rest in Peace.

If calling for a lunch delivery,  
call between 8am-9:30am.

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**cent's Fish Fry 2025**

Fridays Feb. 21 through April 11

**304-455-3555**

Open 11 am—6 pm

Dine-In, Carry-Out,

First Week Benefits RELAY FOR LIFE

**Dinners: (w/fish and 2 sides)**

One Piece.....\$8.00

Two Pieces..... \$12.00

Three Pieces.....\$15.00

Addition Piece of Fish.....\$5.00

Sandwiches (2pcs fish)...\$8.50

Sides: Coleslaw / Baked Beans.....\$1.75

**Desserts: Pie or Cake.....\$2.00**

No collections will be reported until Denise returns from vacation.

## Happy Birthday

Nick Frohnapfel — Feb 28

Steve Hohman — Mar 1

Brian Leary — Mar 2

Bryan Ensinger — Mar 4

Santina Nice — Mar 5

Patty Potts — Mar 7

Jim Klug — Mar 7

Jodie Piekarski — Mar 7

Ray Estep — Mar 8

Bill Abraham — Mar 9

Clem Frohnapfel — Mar 12

Beth Ann Heinzman — 13

Kay Klug — 14

Nancy Fiore — Mar 20

Scott Tusic — Mar 20

Frank Blatt — Mar 22

Joan Leary — Mar 22

John Hunt — Mar 23

Ron Young — Mar 24

Terry Shutler — Mar 26

Heath Fox — Mar 27

Becky Winters — Mar 30



Bill Abraham, Bernice and Ralph Baker, Joan Block, Vickie Bowden, Nanci Bowen, Dutton Chichick, Dominic Cipriani, Kathy Hawkins-Clegg, Bill Cline, Butch Cunningham, Michelle Cunningham, Fr. Kent Durig, Gail Fagert, Rod Fagert, Ray Ferrera, Joey & Lisa Feronti, Cecile Fiest, Barbara Frum, Keith Frum, George Heinzman, Jim Herrick, Charlie Johnson, Ted & Tommy Kacor, Dave King, Ed Klug, Kay Klug, Baby Koon, Jackie Laurine, Brian and Joan Leary, Stan Maslowski, Jim Melott, John & Tulane Mensore, Jeri Miller, Landon Miller, Patty Meyers, Baby Nash, Bernadette Ortiz, Abdelia Hernandez-Perez, Greg Richmond, Jim Richthammer, Bertha Schrader, Austin Sizemore, Gary Slider, Mike Snyder, Anne Spencer, Nancy Stender, Becky Sutton, Elsie Taylor, Margie Rymer, Margie Whiteman, Frances Whitmore, Ike Willey  
All Shut-Ins

To add or remove names to the prayer list please contact the Cluster Office 304-455-4615

[or email office@svdpm.org](mailto:office@svdpm.org)

[Thank You](#)



Heavenly Father, lift them up to Your loving care. Bring healing and comfort to their body, mind, and spirit. Grant them strength and surround them with Your peace during this time.



## Happy Anniversary

Lisa & Tim Jackson — Mar 10

John & Linda Tomaszewski — Mar 22

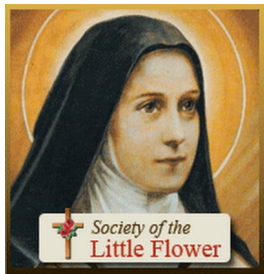
# St. Vincent de Paul Church and Mater Dolorosa Parish

21 Rosary Road, New Martinsville, WV 26155

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## Little Flower Meeting

Wednesday, March 12

Immediately following

8:30 am Mass



Our next Third Thursday Lunch is  
Thursday, March 20 .

All help is welcome and appreciated!

We also distribute blankets, coats, and  
other winter items during the winter  
months.

We accept new and gently used winter items for  
distribution.

## Join Easter Choir

Weekly rehearsals begin Tuesday, February 25, 7pm,  
in the de Paul Room.

The choir will participate in Easter Sunday 10:30 Mass at  
St. Vincent de Paul.

For more information, please call Loretta Ortiz at 681-302-8146.

Reading music is not necessary .

Our Next First Thursday Food Giveaway  
will be on March 6.

Volunteers gather after 8:30am Mass.

The distribution is 9:30—10:30am.



## OUR LADY OF SEVEN SORROWS ROSARY

Saturdays @ 4:30p  
Rosary and Pamphlets  
will be provided.

Rosary Leaders for February 22 @ 4:30  
Barb Racer, Charlie Racer, Nanci Bowen

Rosary Leaders for March 1 @ 4:30  
Danielle Ice-Davis, Carolyn Hizer, Joanna Casto



## Tatar Sauce Preparation for Fish Fry!

Please help prepare the St. Vincent de Paul  
Famous Fish Fry Tatar Sauce!

Work will take place in Klug Hall kitchen at  
noon on Sundays.



## Volunteer at the Food Pantry !

February: 25

March: 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25, 31

April: 1, 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29

**Volunteers are Needed!**

## Ministers for February 22 @ 5pm

Lector: Kay Pierpoint  
Gifts: Danielle Ice-Davis  
Eucharistic Minister: Dick Stender

## Ministers for March 1 @ 5pm

Lector: Dick Stender  
Gifts: Terry & Judy Yeager  
Eucharistic Minister: Ron Casto

**Parish Council:** (HN) Joe Herrick, John Piekarski,  
Patty Potts, Therese Schoolcraft, Don Tuttle,  
(LF) Marianne Balcerak, Pat Lilkendey

**Finance Council:** Matt Herrick, Judy Grace,  
Debra Freeland

**Parish Council:** Rod Fagert, Carolyn Hizer,  
Charlie Racer, Dick Stender, Judy Yeager, Barb Racer  
**Finance Council:** Rod Fagert, Kay Pierpoint,  
Charlie Racer, Dick Stender, Judy Yeager, Barb Racer

# Holy Rosary and St. Joseph Missions

519 Main Street, Sistersville, WV 26175

64 Frohnapfel Lane, Proctor, WV



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Lector: 2/23/2025 Hayden Butler

Lector: 3/2/2025 Margie Rymer

Our Church is in great need of additional Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers. Please contact the Parochial Cluster Office and let Father know you are willing to serve.

Today Christ calls us to a radical re-ordering of our lives. We are to bless those who mistreat us, to pardon those who offend us. Moreover, he warns us that "the measure you measure with will be measured back to you."

In studying the effects of religion upon family relationships, researchers inform us hostility and prayer can't coexist. You cannot be hostile toward someone for whom you are praying. Today's gospel encourages us: "Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who treat you badly." Bud Ozar

Rosary is prayed each Sunday before 12:30 Mass.  
Donna Peter is our leader.

**Sunday Social Sign-Up Sheet** is on the bulletin board.  
Please sign up if you plan to help with this.

Baptist Church Food Pantry Donations Needed:  
ketchup, mustard, Jello, soups, Sloppy Joe sauce, cereal,  
brownie mix, sugar, flour, pancake mix, canned or  
powdered milk

**Parish Council:** Jim Cavezza, Butch Fiore,  
Charlene Galluzzo, Jerry Richardson, Patty Skeen  
**Finance Council:** Cathy Cavezza, Mike Galluzzo,  
Becky Meckley, Eric Peters, Patty Skeen



Coffee and Donuts  
March 9



St. Joseph  
Women's Club  
March 11 @ 11a

**Parish Council:** Alana Fox, Abel Frohnapfel,  
Ken Janiszewski, Nancy McCardle  
**Finance Council:** Clem Frohnapfel, Lee Ann Kirkland,  
Mark Miller