

Our Catholic Life

March 9, 2025



Holy Rosary Mission
519 Main Street
Sistersville, WV 26175



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
Cluster Office: (304) 455-4615

First Week of Lent

**Sacramental & Pastoral Schedule for the First week of Lent
9 March 2025—15 March 2025**

Holy See's March Intention

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

First Sunday of Lent —9 March

Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

Mater Dolorosa—Vigil Mass

4:00p Confessions

5:00p Mass for the People of the Parishes

St. Joseph

8:00a Mass for + Rob Miller

St. Vincent de Paul

10:30a Mass for + Mark Laurine

Holy Rosary

12:30p Mass for + Eva Rogalski

Monday —First week of Lent—10 March

Lev 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mt 25:31-46

No Mass

Food Pantry Open @ SVdeP

Tuesday —First week of Lent—11 March

Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19; Mt 6:7-15

8:30am Mass at St. Vincent de Paul for + Maxine Russell

5:00pm Adoration at St. Joseph

6:00pm at St. Joseph for + Fletcher and Mary Andrews

Wednesday—First week of Lent—12 March

Jonah 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32

8:30am Mass at St. Vincent de Paul for + Gretchen Kacor

5:00pm Adoration at Mater Dolorosa

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

Thursday—First week of Lent—13 March

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

8:30am Mass at Mater Dolorosa for + Allison Bertozzi

5:00pm Adoration at St. Vincent de Paul

6:00pm Mass at St. Vincent de Paul for + Judith Highwart

Friday—First week of Lent—14 March

Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8; Mt 5:20-26

8:30am Mass at St. Vincent de Paul for + Enrique Urbano

Saturday —First week of Lent—15 March

Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

No Mass

Second Sunday of Lent —16 March

Gen 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14; Phil 3:17-4:1 or Phil 3:20-4:1; Lk 9:28b-36

Mater Dolorosa—Vigil Mass

4:00p Confessions

5:00p Mass for the People of the Parishes

St. Joseph

8:00a Mass for + Jeanette Shutler Davis

St. Vincent de Paul

10:30a Mass for + Theresa Hunt

12:30p Mass for + Judy Cochran



March is the month
dedicated to the Joseph
the most chaste spouse
of Mary.
Feast Day is March 19

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 under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.

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March 8: Saint John of God, Religious—Optional Memorial

1495–1550

Patron Saint of hospitals, nurses, firefighters, booksellers, alcoholics, and the sick

Canonized October 16, 1690 by Pope Alexander VIII

Born in Montemor-o-Novo, Portugal, John was abducted from his home at the age of eight and taken to Oropesa, Spain. Homeless and alone, John met a good man named El Mayoral who took him in and gave him a job as a shepherd. John worked for El Mayoral for fourteen years and then joined the Holy Roman Emperor's army to battle the French. Accused of the theft of clothing he had been assigned to guard, John was condemned to death. After friends intervened and won his release, John returned to El Mayoral's farm and worked for another four years before re-entering the army to fight the Turks for the next eighteen years.

Returning to Portugal, John learned that his mother died of heartbreak after his abduction and that his father joined the Franciscans. Inspired by his father, John desired to serve God. He set out for Africa to offer himself to the Muslims in exchange for their prisoners but returned to Spain.

There, John threw himself into a life of prayer, made a general confession, and tearfully went from church to church begging God to forgive his sins. To support himself, he bought and sold religious pictures and books, eventually setting up a small shop of religious items at Granada's city gate.

When Saint John of Ávila preached a mission in Granada, John was so moved by his sermons and so keenly aware of his own sins, that he started running through the streets, shouting for mercy. In his shop, he destroyed every non-religious book, gave the religious books and pictures away to those passing by, and continued crying out in the streets that he was a sinner. Some concerned men brought him to Saint John of Ávila who heard his confession, counseled him, consoled him, and offered his continued guidance. John was so touched that he wanted everyone in the town to know how sinful he was. He ran through the streets crying out again, rolling in mud as a sign of his sinfulness. Eventually, two men took John to the local insane asylum for treatment.

At the time, the insane were locked in a dungeon and tortured until they abandoned their insanity. With the help of Saint John of Ávila's encouragement and guidance, John received every beating with joy as penance and offered each to God. He exhorted the prison workers to treat the patients better. When John began to exude a peaceful disposition, the warden permitted him to be freed of his shackles. John performed menial tasks with mercy and compassion and spread God's love. He desired to run a hospice for the abandoned poor and those suffering from mental disorders.

After his release from the asylum, John made a pilgrimage and had a vision of the Blessed Mother who encouraged him to work for the poor and infirm. Returning to Granada, he moved forward to open a hospital. Through begging, he was able to rent a building, furnish it, and begin seeking out the sick. He worked tirelessly to care for them, begged for food, brought priests to hear their confessions, and nursed them back to health. Later, John extended his mission of mercy to the poor, the abandoned, widows, orphans, the unemployed, prostitutes, and all who suffered. Soon, others joined John's work, eventually becoming the Order of Hospitallers. Twenty-two years after John's death, the pope would approve this group of men as a new religious order.

Saint John of God, through all the struggles of your life, you never gave up your desire to serve God and others. Please pray for me, especially when I lose hope, that I may imitate your example and offer myself to God for His glory and the service of all.

Saint John of God, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You.

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.

The Laymen's Retreat League invites all Catholic Men of the area to join us for a day of reflection with Rev. Msgr. Samuel S. Sacus from 8am to 5pm. The theme will be on the "Where we are and where we are going.". The day includes light breakfast and lunch. Cost: \$30 JOIN US . . . Saturday March 22, 2025; Saint Vincent dePaul Parish's Marist Center, Wheeling, WV. Contact Don Klamut at 304-280-4626

Mater Dolorosa's Fish Fry

Every Friday through April 11

304-337-9837

3:30 to 6:30 pm

Dine In or Take Out

Canadian White Fish.....\$6 (Fried or Baked)
Plain, Bun, White or Wheat Bread
Sides\$1.50 (French Fries, Cole Slaw,

Desserts\$2

Drinks \$1.00 (Coffee, Pop, Iced Tea, Bottled Water)



St. Vincent's Fish Fry 2025

Fridays Feb. 21 through April 11

304-455-3555 Open 11 am—6 pm

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

Dine-In, Carry-Out, Business/Group Delivery

ATM on SITE

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

St. Vincent de Paul

February 16, 2025

Envelopes...\$1,853.00

Loose...\$352.00

Maintenance...\$0.00

February 23, 2025

Envelopes...\$1,164.00

Loose...\$294.00

Maintenance...\$40.00

March 2, 2025

Envelopes...\$2,824.00

Loose...\$1,154.00

Maintenance...\$430.00

Flood Relief...\$80.00

Ash Wednesday...\$47.00

Easter Flowers...\$40.00

St. Joseph

February 16, 2025

Envelopes...\$700.00

Loose...\$150.00

Maintenance...\$0.00

February 23, 2025

Envelopes...\$865.00

Loose...\$120.00

Maintenance...\$0.00

March 2, 2025

Envelopes...\$815.00

Loose...\$152.00

Maintenance...\$195.00

Mater Dolorosa

February 16, 2025

Envelopes...\$655.00

Loose...\$210.00

Maintenance...\$0.00

February 23, 2025

Envelopes...\$605.00

Loose...\$15.00

Maintenance...\$0.00

March 2, 2025

Envelopes...\$1,255.00

Loose...\$24.00

Maintenance...\$200.00

Solemnity of Mary...\$25.00

Holy Rosary

February 16, 2025

Envelopes...\$150.00

Loose...\$31.00

February 23, 2025

Envelopes...\$415.00

Loose...\$47.00

Flood Relief...\$50.00

March 2, 2025

Envelopes...\$980.00

Loose...\$30.00

Maintenance...\$325.00

Diocesan Priest Retirement...\$20.00

Ash Wednesday...\$20.00



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

Happy Birthday

March



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 — Mar 13

Kay Klug — Mar 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

Happy Anniversary

Lisa & Tim Jackson — Mar 10

John & Linda Tomaszewski — Mar 22



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.

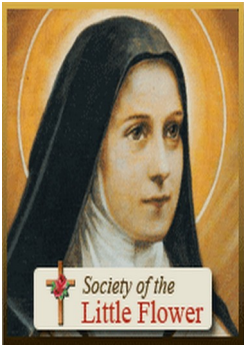
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Little Flower Meeting

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.

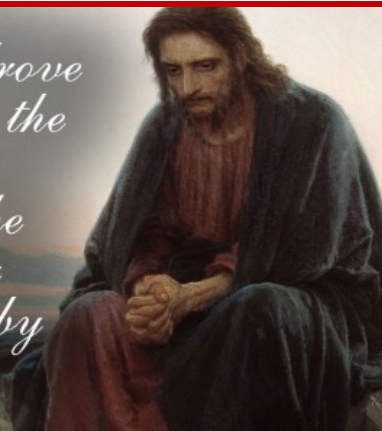
Our Next First Thursday Food Giveaway
will be on April 3.

Volunteers gather after 8:30am Mass.

The distribution is 9:30—10:30am.



*The Spirit drove
Jesus out into the
desert, and he
remained in the
desert for forty
days, tempted by
Satan.*



OUR LADY OF SEVEN SORROWS ROSARY

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



Rosary Leaders for March 8 @ 4:30
Dick Stender, Kay Pierpoint, Judy Yeager

Rosary Leaders for March 15 @ 4:30
Barb Racer, Charlie Racer, Nanci Bowen

Volunteer at the Food Pantry !

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

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

Volunteers are Needed!

Ministers for March 8 @ 5pm

Lector: Joanna Casto
Gifts: Carolyn and Tim Hizer
Eucharistic Minister: Judy Yeager

Ministers for March 15 @ 5pm

Lector: Kay Pierpoint
Gifts: Kim Frum
Eucharistic Minister: Sharon Kastigar

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

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Lector: 3/ 9/2025 Rylee Butler

Lector: 3/ 15/2025 Donna Peter

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

Altar Guild meets March 19, Feast of St. Joseph, at 6pm. Please share agenda ideas with Becky Meckley.

First Sunday in Lent: Today, we begin our season of penance; a time in which we fix our eyes on only what is most important. Like Jesus, we must turn away from all things that would tempt us to an "easier" way. Like Jesus, we must also strengthen ourselves by prayer and fasting.

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

Rice Bowl: Containers are available in the vestibule and ready for your apare change. Money will be donated to Catholic Relief Services. This activity becomes part of your alms giving this Lent.

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

Family Prospective: Jesus "was led by the Spirit in the wilderness." What is the wilderness in your life to which the Holy Spirit is leading you this Lent? Perhaps there are uncharted areas in your marriage or family relationships. Spend this Lent in your "wilderness" with God work. Where is the Spirit leading you this Lent? **-Bud Ozar**

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



LENT

Prayer for Lent

*Father of my soul,
I know your love for me is
limitless beyond imagining.
You care for me as a loving parent.
Through my smallest Lenten
sacrifices, help me to
become less selfish and more
aware of your ways.
Fan the flame of my desire to
draw ever closer to you.
Guide me to seek your love.*

Southern Cross

Coffee and Donuts
Today



St. Joseph
Women's Club
March 18 @ 11a

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