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of Lower Burrell New Kensington

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



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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.

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, 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	John & Angeline Kotts (Mary & Dennis Murphy)	Father Ken

TUESDAY, January 2, 2024 - St. Basil the Great; St. Gregory Nazianzen

7:30 am	SMM	Raffelina Aiello & Rose Plastino (Aiello Family)	Father Bimbot
8:30 am	MSP	Leonard "Skeets" Paletta (Dominic Latella)	Father Joel
12:30 pm	SJ	Joe Discello (Wayne & Aline Quinn)	Father Ken
2:00 pm	MSP	Eucharistic Adoration/Holy Hour of Mercy/Reposition	Father Bimbot

WEDNESDAY, January 3, 2024 - The Most Holy Name of Jesus

7:30 am	SMM	Richard Slomka (Family)	Father Ken
8:30 am	MSP	Dr. Fred Caputo (Paula McKinley)	Father Joel
12:30 pm	SJ	Robert Ventorini (Thea Weleski)	Father Bimbot

The Eucharistic Table

THURSDAY, January 4, 2024 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

7:30 am	SMM	Mass of Thanksgiving for the 55th Anniversary of Sue and Ray Andra (Susan & Ray Andra)	Father Ken
8:30 am	MSP	Laura Ruffini (Scott & Sandy Laney)	Father Joel
12:30 pm	SM	Edna Mae Tuschak (Her Children, Susan, Mary Ann & Frank)	Father Bimbot

FRIDAY, January 5, 2024 - St. John Neumann

8:30 am	MSP	Carl & Gert Gentile (Trudy & Rich Polsinelli)	Father Joel
9:30 am	SM	M. J. Fularz (Roberta & Vincent Conroy)	Father Bimbot
12:30 pm	SJ	Living & Deceased of the Liberto and Smith Families	Father Ken

SATURDAY, January 6, 2024 - St. Andre Bessette

3:30 pm	SJ	Rosary	
4:00 pm	SJ	Marion Gutzell (Ronald Boyd)	Father Joel
4:00 pm	SMM	For the health and welfare of Fr. John Moineau (Clare Moineau)	Father Ken
4:30 pm	MSP	Vic Runco (Rose Monteleone)	Father Bimbot

SUNDAY, January 7, 2024 - The Epiphany of the Lord

7:00 am	SM	Rosary	
7:30 am	SM	Richard L. Sekanick (Wife, Betty & Sons)	Father Joel
7:55 am	MSP	Rosary	
8:30 am	MSP	Ann Meledandri (The Iseman Family)	Father Bimbot
8:30 am	SMM	Mass for Congregation	Father Ken
9:30 am	SJ	For All Living & Deceased Parishioners	Father Joel
10:30 am	MSP	John Runco (Wife, Joan)	Father Bimbot
11:00 am	SMM	Frederick Morabito (Dolly & John Regoli)	Father Ken
11:00 am	SM	Rosary	
11:30 am	SM	John McNally (SVDP Central Conference)	Father Joel



NEW YEARS 2024

The Parish Office will be closed Monday, January 1 in observance of the New Year holiday. The staff of Mount Saint Peter, St. Joseph, St. Margaret Mary and St. Mary of Czestochowa Parishes wishes everyone a healthy and prosperous New Year.

New Year's Eve - Sunday, December 31

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6; Jn 1:29-34
Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42
Friday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 3:23-28
Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12



MSP FOOD BANK

Volunteers are needed to help with the MSP Food Bank distribution. We need strong muscles to unload the Westmoreland County Food Bank truck at 9:15 AM on **Wednesday, January 3**. Or, if you don't want to wake up that early, we need sturdy walkers to push shopping carts full of food to clients' cars from 12:30 PM to 3:00 PM. Just show up! Many thanks!

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IN SYMPATHY

We commend to your prayers
Nancy & Gerald Stadterman, St. Joseph
Salvadore Cardenas and William Kuba
Mount Saint Peter
David Magill, St. Margaret Mary
Preston Brewer
(Father of Laurie (Richard) Pujol and Grandfather of
Rev. Christopher Pujol, Mount Saint Peter)

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



MARRIAGE

We extend our best wishes and congratulations to

James Matthew and Haley Elizabeth (Brumett) Erdely who were married this weekend.
 May the Lord deepen their love for each other and bless them as they begin their life together.



MAILBOX MINISTRY

Through the simple act of creating and sending a handmade greeting card, we are enacting God's foremost commandment, that we **love one another**. Come and join us **Monday afternoon, January 8 from 2:30 PM-4:30 PM** in **Marble Hall** to create beautiful greeting cards that will brighten the day of our parishioners residing 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 or 724-448-8071. Can't wait to see you!



"AN EPIPHANY CONCERT"

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2024
 2:00 PM
 MOUNT SAINT PETER CHURCH
 ALL ARE WELCOME.



ANGEL TREE PROJECT DONORS

The St. Anthony Guild of Mount Saint Peter Parish wishes to express gratitude to all that have already donated to the Angel Tree Program, which helps children in need in our area celebrate a brighter Christmas.

William & Becky Baldwin
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 Patty Smith

Chuckie Kvortek

Lower Burrell Parish

(St. Margaret Mary)

A Peek at the Week. . .

Sunday December 31	Youth Music Ministry Rehearsal (Grades 4-12) 9:40 AM-10:45 AM Church Jr. Youth Choir Rehearsal (Grades 1-3) 9:40 AM-10:30 AM Church Baptism - Rocco Thomas LaCava 12:00 Noon Church
Monday January 1	Parish Office Closed <i>Happy New Year</i>
Tuesday January 2	Parish Office Closed <i>Happy New Year</i> Adult Handbell Rehearsal 5:00 PM-6:30 PM Church
Wednesday January 3	Adult Choir 6:45 PM-8:45 PM Church

New Kensington Parishes

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

A Peek at the Week. . .

Saturday December 30	Brummett/Erdely Wedding 2:00 PM MSP Church Baptism - Rory William Madden 3:00 PM SJ Church
Monday January 1	Parish Office Closed <i>Happy New Year</i>
Wednesday January 3	MSP Food Bank 9:15 AM-3:00 PM Marble Hall
Thursday January 4	Grab n Go Meal 5:30 PM Knead Community Caf�
Sunday January 7	Epiphany Concert 2:00 PM Mt. St. Peter 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 New Year Note

GET READY, THE NEW YEAR IS UPON US!

The old year coming to its close is full of memories and regrets. When we look back, we often wish we could live the days over again with the wisdom of hindsight. We would have done so much better. Time wasted could have been turned to better account. Angry words would have been so much better unsaid. We wish we had spoken up for what we believed at the times when we were silent. We know it was sheer betrayal of Christ when we ignored a summons of responsibility.

Nevertheless, the past is dead and nothing can resurrect it. "The moving finger writes" and, having moved on, nothing can change what was written. Nevertheless, there is much to be learned from our regrets. If we wasted valuable time yesterday or the day before, we can learn to use time creatively today and tomorrow. If we spoke in anger, devoid of self-control, we need not repeat the folly now. If in anxious fear we were silent when we should have defended our faith, we can speak out for the truth as we see it in the days to come.

Yesterday or yesteryear are no measure of what tomorrow can be. The Christian faith has been described as the "gospel of the second chance." It is precisely that. We are judged not in terms of what we did yesterday, but rather in terms of our moral recovery. The New Testament has much to say about "repentance." The word "repent" in the Greek means simply to "turn around and go the other way." We are judged in terms of our willingness to "turn around and go the other way."

If the regrets of the year that is nearly done inspire us to make a "U-turn" with courage and hope, the past we have known can be a boon to the present. When the Prodigal Son "came to himself" and turned homeward after wasting his life in a far country, he was forgiven. He made a new start and found life as it was meant to be. We all have a second chance, even a third and fourth, to make a "U-turn" in our lives.

If we are burdened by regret, O God, grant us courage to change the direction of our lives. Renew a right spirit within us and guide us in the way of everlasting peace. Amen.

2024, thank you for giving me a new chance, a new opportunity to start over again, fresh.

Father Ken



STEWARDSHIP

December 16/17, 2023 - Collection Report

Mount Saint Peter

Offertory	\$11,630.00
Weekly EFT	\$ 2,442.00



Saint Mary

Offertory	\$ 4,389.00
Weekly EFT	\$ 265.00

Saint Joseph

Offertory	\$ 3,870.65
Weekly EFT	\$ 175.00

Saint Margaret Mary

Offertory	\$ 10,681.00
Weekly EFT	\$ 2,907.00
Christmas	\$ 413.00
For the Poor	\$ 4,000.00
Food Bank/Other Misc	\$2,535/\$585



Prayer of Consecration to the Holy Family

Most Holy Family,
we consecrate ourselves and our family to you.
May we be completely united in a love that is lasting,
faithful and open to the gift of new life.
Help us to grow in virtue, to forgive one another
from our hearts, and to live in peace all our days.
Keep us strong in faith, persevering in prayer,
diligent in work, and generous toward those in need.
May our home, O Holy Family, truly become a domestic
church where we reflect your example in our daily life. Amen.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!

Prayer courtesy of the Knights of Columbus.



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Tuesday, January 2 at 10:00 a.m.

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Office Hours: Monday-Thursday - 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
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.



BAPTIZED IN CHRIST



Scarlett Ann Fitzsimmons with parents: Zachary and Karisa
Fr. Jean-Luc Zadroga and Godparents: Norman Switzer
and Kiera Cesario

CAN YOU HELP?

The Arts and Environment Committee needs help taking down the outside and inside Nativity sets and Christmas decorations on Sunday, January 7 after the 11:00 AM Mass.

If you are able to help, please contact Linda McAlpine at 724-448-8717. Thank you!



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- Rick



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