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APRIL 3, 2022 | Fifth Sunday of Lent



Peter Brueghel II - Christ and the Woman Taken in Adultery

GOSPEL MEDITATION: MERCY REALIZED

Publicly punishing others to demonstrate the consequences of inappropriate or wrongful behavior is a norm that some believe effectively achieves conformity to established rules. However, it runs the real risk of distorting motivation. Obviously, we want people to do what is right and pursue healthful, virtuous behaviors and ideals. But is fear of punishment ever the best motivation for avoiding one action in favor of another?

Acting out of fear is never positive. Focusing exclusively on our behavior and what others expect or think leads to living life with a self-focused superficiality. We become more concerned about protecting

ourselves from something negative and unpleasant rather than investing ourselves in the wonder and awe of being human! We can still find our way to unacceptable or inappropriate behavior—but the measurement of success becomes not getting caught. Being a God-centered human being requires more. It demands an investment of the heart.

When we experience and recognize God's unconditional love, we fall in love with what we have found. We find ourselves leaving destructive and sinful actions behind in search of something more holy, dignified, true, integral, and loving. This is really "mercy realized." God's tremendous,

loving, eternal forgiveness and willingness to bring us back to something more real and tender is transformational.

There are many people who want nothing more than to judge or criticize us. What does this really accomplish? What all of us have is the humble ability to express sorrow for pursuing destructive thoughts and actions and receive the power of God's mercy. Then, Jesus' request to "go and sin no more" will be one we proudly heed and follow.

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APRIL 2	SATURDAY
4:00 p.m.	Zachary Materkoski† <i>Curia Family</i>
APRIL 3	SUNDAY
8:00 a.m.	For the people of the parish
10:00 a.m.	Deceased members of the Healy family† <i>Rose & John Hess</i>
APRIL 4	MONDAY
8:00 a.m.	Vilkoski Family <i>Barbara Vilkoski</i>
APRIL 5	TUESDAY
8:00 a.m.	
APRIL 6	WEDNESDAY
8:00 a.m.	Bob & Bernadine Miller† <i>Miller/Porter families</i>
APRIL 7	THURSDAY
8:00 a.m.	Don McCormick† <i>Ellen McCormick</i>
APRIL 8	FRIDAY
8:00 a.m.	
APRIL 9	SATURDAY
4:00 p.m.	Trish Kurelac† <i>Patricia Kurelac</i>
APRIL 10	PALM SUNDAY
8:00 a.m.	
10:00 a.m.	Opal Romanoski† <i>Suzanne & Bruce Artimez</i>



Parish's St. Vincent de Paul Society Calling for Volunteers, Support

A network of friends, inspired by Gospel values, serving people in need. This describes 50 years of work by our parish's Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

That network of friends is a fixture in Moundsville and the surrounding community, providing for countless people in need through the years.

Now, as the group's stalwarts step back, new parish members are tending the network, and they need help and seed funding to continue this vital mission.

Sr. Agatha, Sharon Andrews, and Jane Klug are already working as our parish's new organizers.

Sr. Agatha is serving as our chairperson, Sharon is treasurer, and Jane is secretary. Cork Potts and Ellen McCormick also are on board to give volunteer support.

"The society is a pathway for those in need that must continue," says Sr. Agatha. "It has been serving the poor in Moundsville for a long time, and so many people rely on this. We must continue."

Continuing relies on financial support but also more people to help. There is a lot to be done, and more members are needed, says

sister. "The benefits of the past will benefit the present and future if we commit ourselves to this society in our parish."

Please reach out to say you will help continue the 50-year presence of our parish's society in the community—either through volunteering or by offering financial support. Please also pray for past and present members of the society and for their benefactors.

Youth Presenting Stations

Stations of the Cross for Friday, April 8, is moved to 7:30 p.m. to accommodate a presentation by our parish youth of live Stations. Please support our young, enthusiastic actors in their reenactment of our Lord's passion. It is a beautiful tradition in our church you do not want to miss.

HOLY WEEK

LECTORS / EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

April 14	7:00 p.m.	C. King / M. Taskalines
April 15	7:00 p.m.	D. Prado, M. Hitt / S. Kent
April 16	8:00 p.m.	C. McDonald / L. Magnone
April 17	8:00 a.m.	C. Frame / S. Kent
	10:00 a.m.	R. Patrone / L. Remke

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekends:	Weekdays:
Saturday - 4 p.m.	Monday - Friday
Sunday - 8 a.m., 10 a.m.	8 a.m.
	Holy Days:
	8 a.m., 7 p.m.

The Sanctuary Candle

beside the tabernacle Burns this week for **Scott Gump**

Prayer REQUESTS

Homebound: Rachel Kerekes, Doris Murphy, Phyllis Prado.

Nursing Homes: Hazel Markey, Katie Renshaw, Joan Weekly, Alma VanSyoc, Ron Flading, Barb Meyer, Mary Yanen, Raymond Pennybacker

Recently Sick: Bobby Kleinedler, Sami Wilson, Anna Mae Veronis Holliday, Kathryn Ferrera, Danielle Wilson, Loretta Saporito, Mary Stees, Judith Harbert, Annalyn Liette, Sandina Leonard, Deanne Ferraro, Debbie Hand, Georgia Pettit, Lida Schellhase, Carmina Oakland, Bob Shutler, Joe Church, Joseph Grampa

WE NEED SERVERS FOR HOLY WEEK!

If you are available, please contact Father or call the office. Father will set up a time to practice with you.

CALENDAR

Wednesdays A.M.	EXODUS: CALLED TO FREEDOM
Thursdays P.M.	10-week Bible Study Church Hall
CAMP CARLO EARLY-BIRD RATE DEADLINE THURSDAY - JUNE 1 CampCarlowv.org	
Wednesdays 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.	LINE DANCING WITH LOTTIE VFW Moundsville
Tuesday May 10 6:30 p.m.	PARISH COUNCIL Church Hall
Thursday & Friday June 16 & 17	TRIP TO LANCASTER, PA., to SEE DAVID

SCHEDULES APRIL 9 & 10

LECTORS / EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:00 p.m. **A. Wise /L. Remke, P. Remke**
8:00 a.m. **T. Whitelatch /R. Hess, J. Hess**
10:00 a.m. **L. Niemiec /C. King, J. Klug**

ALTAR SERVERS

Please See Fr. That Son

SACRISTY

Jenny Ingram / Daunel Gump

OFFERING MARCH 20, 2022

Envelopes	\$3,472.00
Loose Offering	\$286.00
Church Repair	\$105.00
Xavier Hall	\$20.00
OTHER COLLECTIONS:	
Priests' Retirement	\$1,136.00
Ukraine Collection	\$303.00
Easter Flowers	\$20.00
Pennies for God	\$98.97
Candles	\$16.00
Memorial Fund	\$25.00
Online Giving	\$25.40
Attendance	206

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To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact local law enforcement or confidentially contact W.Va. Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. In addition to contacting civil authorities, visit www.dwc.org and select "Accountability" for additional reporting methods.



MANY THANKS TO FATHER FOR creating the beautiful decoration in front of the altar to honor the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, which was Friday, March 25. This feast day marks nine months to the day that the angel Gabriel visited Mary to tell her she would give birth to the baby Jesus. Thanks to Mark Hitt for accompanying father to look for those sunny spring flowers.

TO THOSE WHO LIGHT CANDLES alongside our side altars: for the remainder of Lent, please use the iron candle holders in front of Mary's and Joseph's altars or the nearby pedestals on the wall. We want to take care that the purple curtains don't catch fire.

WE WILL BE DELIVERING EASTER flowers to the shut-ins and sick of the parish Saturday, April 9. If you are able to help with this longstanding parish ministry, please meet us in the parking lot between 9 and 9:30 a.m. We really need drivers! Donations are also very welcome: please mark your envelope or check memo line "shut-in ministry." call Mary Taskalines if you are able to drive: 304-845-7326.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS):

Sat. 3:30 p.m. or upon request.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

By appointment. Contact the parish office at least six months before the date of the marriage. Pre-Cana is required.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (PSR):

Sundays during the school term at 9:00 a.m. - 9:50 a.m. Grades 1-12.

CALENDAR END OF LENT, HOLY WEEK

11 a.m. to 5 p.m.	FRIDAY FISH FRIES Xavier Hall
Fridays 6:30 p.m.	LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Friday April 8 7:30 p.m.	LIVING STATIONS WITH OUR PARISH YOUTH
Friday April 15 3 p.m.	GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Sunday April 3 4 p.m.	UKRAINE PRAYER SERVICE Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church 4136 Jacob St, Wheeling
Monday April 4	ORDERS DUE - EASTER ALTAR FLOWERS
Tuesday April 5 5:30 p.m.	PARISH SEDER MEAL Church Hall
Saturday April 9	EASTER FLOWERS TO SICK & SHUT-INS
APRIL 15 - GOOD FRIDAY CROSS WALK & ECUMENICAL SERVICE Begins at 11 a.m. at Calvary UMC and ends at SFX with services	
HOLY WEEK MASSES & SERVICES	
HOLY THURSDAY - April 14 Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 p.m.	
GOOD FRIDAY - April 15 Stations of the Cross 3:00 p.m. The Passion of the Lord, Adoration of the Cross, Holy Communion 7:00 p.m.	
HOLY SATURDAY - April 16 Easter Vigil Mass 8:00 p.m.	
EASTER SUNDAY - April 17 Masses 8:00 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.	

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

By appointment. The diocese requires instructions beforehand for parents or guardians. Contact the parish office.

REGISTRATION, CHURCH SUPPORT:

Parishioners should be properly registered at the parish office. Please be sure to update your information when you move or change phone numbers.



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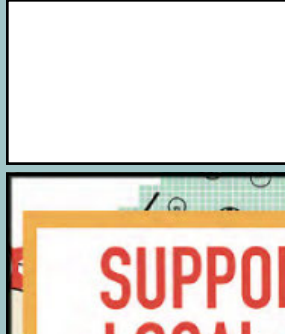
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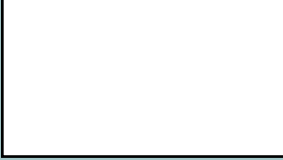
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