The Roman Catholic Parishes

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of Lower Burrell December 10, 2023 **New Kensington**

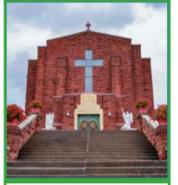
Second Sunday of Advent





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 \sim 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!

OR 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 auestions 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 9, 2023 - St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

3:30 pm	SJ	Rosary	
4:00 pm	SJ	Alan & Roberta Delmastro (Arvay Family)	Father Ken
4:00 pm	SMM	Deceased Members of Kaniecki & Kish Families (Dennis & Laura Kish)	Father Bimbot
4:30 pm	MSP	Charles M. Szajna (Wife, Kathryn)	Father Joel

SUNDAY, December 10, 2023 - Second Sunday of Advent

7:00 am	SM	Rosary	
7:30 am	SM	Lillian F. Pfeifer (Daugher, Lillian G. Pfeifer)	Father Ken
7:55 am	MSP	Rosary	
8:30 am	MSP	Satamo Enciso (Wife, Jane & Family)	Father Joel
8:30 am	SMM	Herbert & Anna Saylor (Schoepf & Saylor Families)	Father Bimbot
9:30 am	SJ	Father Tony Gargotta (Maria Novak)	Father Ken
10:30 am	MSP	Anthony Pignatelli (Wife & Children)	Father Joel
11:00 am	SMM	Joe Arteritano (Family)	Father Bimbot
11:00 am	SM	Rosary	
11:30 am	SM	Michael, Cecilia, and Geraldine Mazgaj (Family)	Father Ken

MONDAY, December 11, 2023 - St. Damasus I

7:30 am	SMM	Loretta Lausberg (Daughter, Suzanne)	Father Ken
8:30 am	SM	Joanne Mazgaj (Bob Mazgaj)	Father Joel
12:30 pm	SJ	Special Intention for the Health & Welfare of Greg Somers (Carol Velasco)	Father Bimbot

TUESDAY, December 12, 2023 - Our Lady of Guadalupe

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7:30 am	SMM	Clarence & Mary Alice Streeter (Jeff & Martha Cox)	Father Ken
8:30 am	MSP	Catherine Ghia Beck (Rich & Trudy Polsinelli)	Father Joel
12:30 pm	SJ	Karl Strittmatter(Birthday)(Dorothy & Mary Kay)	Father Bimbot
2:00 pm	MSP	Eucharistic Adoration/Holy Hour of Mercy/Reposition	Father Bimbot

WEDNESDAY, December 13, 2023 - St. Lucy

7:30 am	SMM	Mass of Thanksgiving (Anna Johnson)	Father Ken
8:30 am	MSP	Genevieve McKriskey (Jane Enciso)	Father Joel
12 noon**	SJ	Robert Ventorini (Barb & Theresa)	Father Bimbot
1:00 pm	SJ	Regional Reconciliation Service	All Priests

THURSDAY,	THURSDAY, December 14, 2023 - St. John of the Cross			
7:30 am	SMM	Alice & Robert Lausberg (Pat & Jeff Osan)	Father Ken	
8:30 am	MSP	Pasquale & Elizabeth D'Eramo (Family)	Father Joel	
12:30 pm	SM	John McNally (Dave Rejniak)	Father Bimbot	



MASS TIME CHANGE**

Please note that due to the Regional Reconciliation Service at St. Joseph on December 13, daily Mass will be held at 12 noon instead of 12:30 pm.

The Eucharistic Table

FRIDAY,	December	15, 2023
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8:30 am	MSP	Kathleen Panza (Al Panza)	Father Joel
9:30 am	SM	Ronald Yohe (Stephanie & Michael Gracey)	Father Bimbot
12:30 pm	SJ	Dario Massarelli (Edward Ostravecky)	Father Ken
6:30 pm		Regional Reconciliation Service at St. James the Greater, Apollo	All Priests

SATURDAY, December 16, 2023

1:00 pm	SMM	Regional Reconciliation Service	All Priests
3:00 pm	SMM	Lila Rose Tritschler	Father Ken
3:30 pm	SJ	Rosary	
4:00 pm	SJ	Arthur Errico (Bridget & Denny Conwell)	Father Joel
4:00 pm	SMM	George Vicini & Deceased Members of the of Brochetti & Caliari Families	Father Ken
4:30 pm	MSP	Carmine & Mafalda Pagliaro (Children & Grandchildren)	Father Bimbot

SUNDAY, December 17, 2023 - Third Sunday of Advent

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7:00 am	SM	Rosary	
7:30 am	SM	Taylor Pawlish (Aunt Mo & Uncle Richard)	Father Joel
7:55 am	MSP	Rosary	
8:30 am	MSP	Joseph & Dorothy Nee (Children & Grandchildren)	Father Bimot
8:30 am	SMM	Albin Kolakowski (Family)	Father Ken
9:30 am	SJ	Emily Rankin (Ryan Famiy)	Father Joel
10:30 am	MSP	Donald Briscoe, Jr. (Brisco & Perkins Families)	Father Bimbot
11:00 am	SMM	Paul Rovnanik (Wife, Joan)	Father Ken
11:00 am	SM	Rosary	
11:30 am	SM	Ray Kastelic (Kastelic & York Families)	Father Joel

ADVENT REGIONAL RECONCILIATION SERVICES

Everyone is highly encouraged to attend one of these services as there are no Saturday confessions at Mount Saint Peter on December 16. No Saturday confessions also at either Saint Margaret Mary or Mount Saint Peter on December 23 and 30.

Wednesday, December 13	1:00 PM	St. Joseph, New Kensington
Friday, December 15	6:30 PM	St. James, Apollo
Saturday, December 16	1:00 PM	St. Margaret Mary, Lower Burrell
Tuesday, December 19	6:30 PM	St. Gertrude, Vandergrift

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

MARIAN CONSECRATION 2023

One Last Thing...

Some Marian Travelers would like to meet to recap this experience. If you feel that you would like to gather in January on a Saturday morning for breakfast, please clip this message and return it to your parish office in an envelope marked "Marian C." Meal cost would be individual. This would help the LB-NKCC with contact info.

Name____

Phone Number_____ or Email_____

Parish____

BAPTISM

Last weekend, we welcomed into the saving waters of Baptism:

Francis Xavier Pessolano, III, Mt. St. Peter

Scarlett Ann Fitzsimmons, St. Margaret Mary

We rejoice with their parents and with all who celebrate their newborn lives in the family of God.

IN SYMPATHY

We commend to your prayers Guido Bartolacci, Warren Massaro, Mary Jane Montemurro and William Sams, Mount St. Peter

Ronald Selvaggio, Saint Margaret Mary

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

Lower Burrell Parish

(St. Margaret Mary)

A Peek at the Week . . .

Sunday December 10	Change for Haiti After Masses Donut Social After 8:30 AM Mass	Narthex
Tuesday December 12	Men's Bible Study Group 6:30 AM Food Bank Distribution 9:30 AM	Lobby
	Adult Handbell Rehearsal 5:00 PM-6:30 PM Knights of Columbus Holida 6:00 PM Sulliva	Church ly Party n Room
Wednesday December 13	Middle & High School Youth 6:30 PM-8:00 PM A Adult Choir 6:45 PM-8:45 PM	n Group Room B-1 Church
Thursday December 14	MQA Band & Grades 6-8 Cl Concert 7:00 PM Social Committee Meeting 6:30 PM-8:30 PM Freu	Church
Friday December 15	Parish Office Closed Diocesan Meetings	
Saturday December 16	Choir Rehearsal 10:30 AM-12:30 PM Regional Reconciliation Se 1:00 PM <i>Baptism - Lila Rose Tritse</i> <i>3:00 PM</i>	Church

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Tuesday: Wednesday: Thursday: Friday: Saturday: Sunday: Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26 Zec 2:14-17; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30 Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15 Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19 Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13 Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn1:6-8, 19-28



FAMILY PHOTOS

Family photos that were on display during the month of November will be available for pickup in the NKCC parish office during regular office hours.

PLEASE KEEP FATHER JOHN MOINEAU IN YOUR PRAYERS

Fr. John Moineau is currently receiving chemotherapy treatments for the return of his cancer. Prayers for him are needed and appreciated. Father John gives periodic health updates on his YouTube Channel, OSM.

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP

The Divine Mercy Prayer Group will gather for prayers and discussion at 9:00 AM on **Tuesday, December 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.

New Kensington Parishes

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

A Peek at the Week. . .

Sunday December 10	Pierogi, Stuffed Cabbage & Haluski Sale
	After MassesSM Friendship HallSt. Anthony Guild Christmas Party11:30 AMMarble Hall
Monday December 11	Faith First6:00 PMMQA-Freeport RoadEzekial 37 Prayer Group7:00 PMMQA-Greenwald
Tuesday December 12	Divine Mercy Prayer Group 9:00 AM Peter's Table Community Clothes Closet 12:00NN-2:00 PM Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 6:00 PM MSP Disciples' Center
Wednesday December 13	Regional Reconciliation Service 1:00 PM St. Joseph
Thursday December 14 Friday December 15	Parish Office Closed

WE HAVE A NEW PERSON FOR THE SCHEDULING OF MINISTERS AT SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

I would like to thank and welcome Margie Staniszewski who has stepped forward and volunteered to take over the task of scheduling ministers for Saint Joseph Parish. The Ministry of Scheduling is a very important role in the smooth flow of parish life and Mass conduct.

Thank you, Margie, for your kindness and generosity to serve our Parish!



Father Ken's Advent Note

Will the ability to receive from the "cup" the Precious Blood return to our Parishes? The short answer is, it is up to you.

Bishop Kulick has decided that the option for the faithful to receive Holy Communion under both species is to be permitted starting the First Sunday of Lent, February 18, 2024. Bishop Kulick has also informed the priests of the diocese that although the option for reception of the Precious Blood is being restored, it is not required that every parish pastor implement this option. With the option that pastors can restore this practice or not restore this action in their parish, I believe that it is really up to the parishioners in each of our four parishes individually to have this practice restored.

What does that mean? Before COVID, the practice of receiving Communion under both species occurred in each of our four parishes. Unfortunately, COVID and its aftermath not only decimated the number of our parish parishioners it also decimated our pool of Eucharistic Ministers. This decrease in Eucharistic Ministers was camouflaged by the fact that without offering the Precious Blood as a Communion option since COVID, we needed only half the ministers that we did prior to COVID. It is also noteworthy that our pool of Eucharistic Ministers needed just to "hand out" the "Body of Christ" is a pool too small to satisfy our scheduling needs. Many, if not most, of our Eucharistic Ministers serve even when not scheduled because they can see that we are short Eucharistic Ministers at Mass.

Getting back to the practice of offering Communion under both species can only occur with a lot of additional helpers called new Eucharistic Ministers. The ability to receive from the "cup"- -, the Precious Blood in any one of our four parishes or in all of our four parishes, is clearly up to each individual parish. I would love to have this practice restored in all our parishes, but it cannot without new helpers, new Eucharistic Ministers. The practice to restore the option of receiving the Blood of Christ at Mass will start in each parish at or after the start date set by Bishop Kulick as each parish acquires the ministers needed to start the option.

To be a Eucharistic Minister, you must be over the age of 18, a Catholic in good standing, have received all the sacraments of initiation, and must be willing to comply with the Diocese of Greensburg's Protecting God's Children policy. If you are willing to become a new Eucharistic Minister, please fill out the form below and mail in to Father Ken at either St. Margaret Mary Parish, 3055 Leechburg Road, Lower Burrell, PA 15068 or Mount Saint Peter Parish, 100 Freeport Road, New Kensington, PA 15068.

would love to become a Eucharistic Minister of Holy	I.
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understand that being a Eucharistic Minister means that at times I will be offering the Body of Christ nd at times the Blood of Christ. I also understand that on those times that I offer the Blood of Christ hat I am also willing to consume whatever amount of the Blood of Christ is left in my chalice after all who wish to partake of the cup have been served. Please sign your name to this statement, which marks that you are willing to live up to the mandate of the statement. Please sign affirming this tatement	and a that I who mark
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STEWARDSHIP

November 25/26, 2023 - Collection Report

Mount Saint Peter

Weekly EFT	\$ 2,442.00
Offertory	\$ 7,957.00

Saint Joseph

Offertory	\$ 3,727.00
Weekly EFT	\$ 175.00
Mission Co-op	\$ 422.00



Saint Mary of Czestochowa	
Offertory	\$ 4,332.00
Weekly EFT	\$ 265.00
Mission Co-op	\$ 776.00
St. Margaret Mary	
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Offertory	\$ 9,758.00
Weekly EFT	\$ 2,677.00

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PLEASE NOTE!

The date on the Stewardship Collection Report printed in last weekend's bulletin should have read November 18/19 instead of November 11/12. The figures as reported are correct. So sorry for the misprint of the date.



FOOD SALE

Pierogi, stuffed cabbage rolls and haluski will be available for sale on Sunday, December 10 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.



PASTORAL STAFF

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Deadline for bulletin submissions for Sunday, December 24 is Wednesday, December 13 at 10:00 a.m. Send submissions for SMM to: marabia@dioceseofgreensburg.org Send submissions for MSP, SJ, SM to: dhilliard@dioceseofgreensburg.org

Faithful Challenges

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CONTACT INFORMATION

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Website: www.smmlb.org Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon & 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

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BAPTIZED IN CHRIST



Nicolas Raymond Andrade with parents: Dino and Rebecca Fr. Nathaniel Polinski and Godparents: Ramiro Cardenas and Rachel Samson



JOIN US FOR FAMILY FUN!

Join us on Sunday, December 17 immediately following the 11:00 AM Mass for an afternoon of family fun. Fr. Ken will read the children the Nativity story. Families will make Christmas ornaments to decorate

the tree in the Narthex. St. Nicholas will also stop by to pass out treats to the children. Light refreshments will be served.

To ensure adequate supplies, please sign up today on the parish website or by signing the sheet located at the Welcome Desk in the Narthex.





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