

St. Rita Catholic Church
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Rev. Peter DiTomaso, MSSCC Pastor

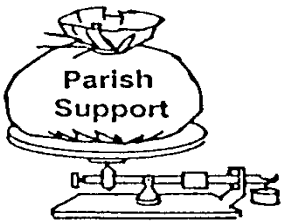
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Mass Schedule Saturday: 4:30PM Sunday: 8:30 & 11:00AM
Weekday: 9:00AM Vigil of the Holy Day 6:30PM(except for 12/31 4:30PM) Holy Days 9:00AM & 6:30PM
Confessions: Saturday 3:00 to 4:00PM and Tuesday Morning After Mass



Masses For The Week

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| Saturday | 2/10 | 9:00am | Ints. of Jim Lowrie |
| | | 4:30pm | Ints of Stephanie Resetar |
| Sunday | 2/11 | 8:30am | Ints. of Dennis & Toni Ilko's 52nd Wedding Anniversary |
| | | 11:00am | People of the Parish |
| Monday | 2/12 | 9:00am | Ints. of Fr. Chidi |
| Tuesday | 2/13 | 9:00am | †John VanDerCruyssen |
| Wednesday | 2/14 | 9:00am | †Ray & Nancy Fierstein |
| | | 6:30pm | †Mario Blautzik |
| Thursday | 2/15 | 9:00am | †Rosellen Roberts |
| Friday | 2/16 | 9:00am | †Loretta Petruzzi |
| Saturday | 2/17 | 9:00am | †Michael Petruzzi |
| | | 4:30pm | Ints. of Tracey Bozzonetti |
| Sunday | 2/18 | 8:30am | People of the Parish |
| | | 11:00am | †Rosemary Koepfle |



Sunday Collection: \$7,724.50

Propagation: \$ 470.00

Change of Address: If you are moving or have a change in your name, address or phone number, or need to register, please contact the Parish Office at 642-8815.

Bulletin Announcements must be submitted to the parish office 10 days before the bulletin date.



PRAY for those who are Sick. Help us keep our list current by letting us know when we may remove a name. Sharon Aanensen, Tom Miller, Avery, Craig & Diane Cruttenden, Carol Schorn, Joy Brown, Irene & Bernard Zaborowski, John Powlen, Gordon & Mary Ann Shuman, Mike Bunch, LJean, Lt. Col. Gerrid Gall & Company, Don Sprankle, Daryl Crunkleton, Mary & Ed Digiulio, Monica Dembrowski, Phyllis Grabowski, Rick & Paulette Nidel, Fr. Mike, Anita Bell, Margy Orner, Anthony Venzin, Rose Crespo, Richard Storm, Chad Sprankle, Fred Sprankle, Janice Keller, Angelo Agosta, Philip Ulzheimer, Larry Weikert, Blaine Beatty, Michele Maturo Piper, Pat Devlin, Teresa Rodgers, Joan Deyo, Donald Weikert, Mary Jo & Melvin Losovsky, Ok Cha Jones, Mary Conway, Dorothy Drechsler, Mary Little, Tracy Bozzonetti, Darlene McCleaf, Lottie Pecher, Ashley Dimartino, Mellissa & John Gilliland, Bill Devlin, Linda Warner, Ron & Doreen Harris, Robert Lewis, Betty Roy, Rich Zula Jr, Shannon Boyle, Mark & Connie Keller Sr., Frank Berry, Beau & Pamela Beatty, John & Sandy Soffe, Marilyn Crawford, Bill Martino, Elaine & Mark MacLellan, Lynn Moody, Charlotte Folkenroth, Dave Gallo, Brenda & Dave Pine, Francis Poslosky, Brandon Sites, Gene Goetz, Pete Crawford, Karen Ford, Lilah Zepp, Ian Skoch, Johnny Parkolay, Christine Stehmer, Gene Rosensteel, Paul Macuirles, Fiona Hefe, Adalyn Clark, Miriam Barefoot, Harriet Noye, Nick, Melvan Welsh, Pat & Danielle Barb, Joyce Speelman, Michael Farkas, Alicia Poslosky, Steve Weiblinger and Stephanie Resetar. Please pray for the repose of the souls of Carl Keller Sr. and Monika Stehmer-Moser.

The Sacrament of Baptism: Please call the parish office to schedule.

The Sacrament of Marriage: is celebrated throughout the year. Diocesan policy requires that engaged couples begin sacramental preparations with a priest at least nine to twelve months before the desired wedding date. Please call the parish office for details at 717-642-8815.

| DATE | EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS | LECTORS | ALTAR SERVERS | MONEY COUNTERS |
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| 2/17 4:30pm | M. White/A. Sanders | A. Shepard | Volunteers | 2/18 J. Kenney |
| 2/18 8:30am | J. Lowrie/C. Purnama | T. LaFrance | Volunteers | 2/25 K. Bilder |
| 2/18 11:00am | S. Sappington/L. Crawford | P. Cliber | Volunteers | 3/3 F. Gano |
| | | | | 3/10 M. Crawford |
| | | | | 3/17 M. Lawrence |

Second Collection Today is for the Black & Indian Missions.

St. Rita's Ladies Society Meeting next meeting will be Wednesday, Feb. 14th, at 10:00AM in the parish hall. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

Ash Wednesday February 14 is the beginning of Lent. Masses on Ash Wednesday will be 9AM & 6:30PM.

Fr. Peter's Birthday Beginning the weekend of February 3/4 through February 17/18 we will be collecting donations for Father Peter's birthday (February 28). There will be birthday cards to sign and a donation box at both parishes if you'd like to give a gift. There will be no luncheon this year. Questions, please feel free to contact Loretta Crawford (301) 824-2218. Thank you and God Bless.

Stations of the Cross will be every Friday, during Lent at 6:30pm except for Friday March 29 (Good Friday) they will be at NOON.

Mark Your Calendar: The Men's Club and Knights of Columbus are holding an all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner in St. Mary's parish hall on Sunday, February 18th from 3:00 to 6:00pm. Dinner includes, spaghetti, meatballs, sausage, salad, bread stick, drinks and dessert. The cost is \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children 6 to 12 and under 6 free. Carry-outs are available. The Knights will also have a silent auction for an office chair during the dinner.

Parish Office will be closed Monday, February 19th for the holiday.

The Benedictines of the Divine Will invite you to Pray, Meditate The Twenty-Four Hours of the Passion with us during Lent. By Praying and Meditating 1 Hour each day From Ash Wednesday till Easter. The Twenty-four of the Passion Book will be available at St. Mary Foyer. For signup: Contact Jan Ferguson at fergocds@gmail.com or (717) 398-1679.

Lenten Simple Suppers at St. Mary's This meal and video series (6 sessions) begins Wednesday, February 21st following the 630PM Mass. With Soups from Chef Bob Fritts and a video presentations by Fr. Dave Pivonka.

Sunday Eucharistic Prayer Group, St. Mary's in Fairfield 2:15-3:45PM February 11th. Music & Eucharistic Adoration, Marian Remarks, Devotion & Consecration, Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet, Spiritual Communion & Healing Prayers!

Flowers in the Sanctuary are in memory of Rosellen Roberts, donated by Rita Barger.

That Man is You – TMIY We meet on Saturday mornings at St. Mary's with breakfast beginning at 6:15am. At 6:45am we have a 30-minute video of spiritual content by several different virtuous presenters. A 30-minute open discussion of the video concludes at 7:45am.

Will you consider sponsoring Altar flowers in honor or memory of a loved one or special occasion. The dates available are for 2024 are May 5 through June 16, there are more. Cost for the 2 altar vases is \$50 - Donation may be placed in an envelope marked flowers with your intention and preferred date. Please call the parish office or email maryrita256@comcast.net to confirm date.

Eucharistic Moments for February: "In Holy Communion we are truly with Christ. When that happens we are in heaven, and no matter how unheavenly the rest of our earthly lives may be, we carry heaven with us into the world if we have the faith to the truth of what we have just experienced." Mike Aquilina, Understanding the Mass.

Lenten Guidelines The traditional Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, almsgiving and other forms of self-denial are still required by the Church. The faithful observance of Lent should manifest itself especially in the imitation of Christ in daily life and in the readiness to sacrifice time and talents whenever possible, in personal, parish and community efforts for those in spiritual or material need. The spiritual hunger of the unchurched locally and in mission lands can be a focus of prayers and charitable giving.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of abstinence from meat for those 14 years of age and older. They are also days of fasting for those between 18 and 59 years of age. (Those bound by the law of fasting may take one full meal. Two smaller meals are also permitted, sufficient to maintain strength according to one's needs. Eating between meals is not permitted; but liquids, including milk and fruit juices, are allowed. When health or ability to work is seriously affected, the law does not oblige.)

All Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence from meat for those 14 years of age or older.

Theology of the Body series for adults to be held at the St. Francis Xavier Center in Gettysburg on Wednesday, February 21, 28, March 6, 13, and 20 from 6:30 - 8:00pm. Class held in the 8th grade classroom. Please contact Ann Marie Kalloz at kalloz@comcast.net to register. AnnMarie is a certified Theology of the Body instructor and has been teaching for many years in our diocese.



Pro-Life Corner For those nearing the end of life: May they be given the grace to persevere in faith and place their trust in God as they prepare in hope for eternity with Christ.