

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 22, 2026

SACRAMENTS

Baptism:

Please contact Ellen Mady at MOS or Joann Giuffre at St. John and St. Mary at the Parish Office four months before the birth of your child.

Reconciliation:

Saturdays at 12:00 NN at St. John;
Tuesdays at 5:00 PM at St. Mary;
OR by appointment.

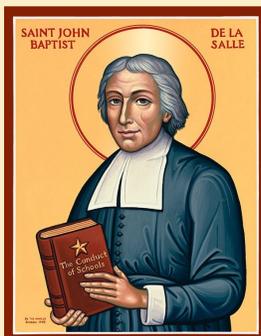
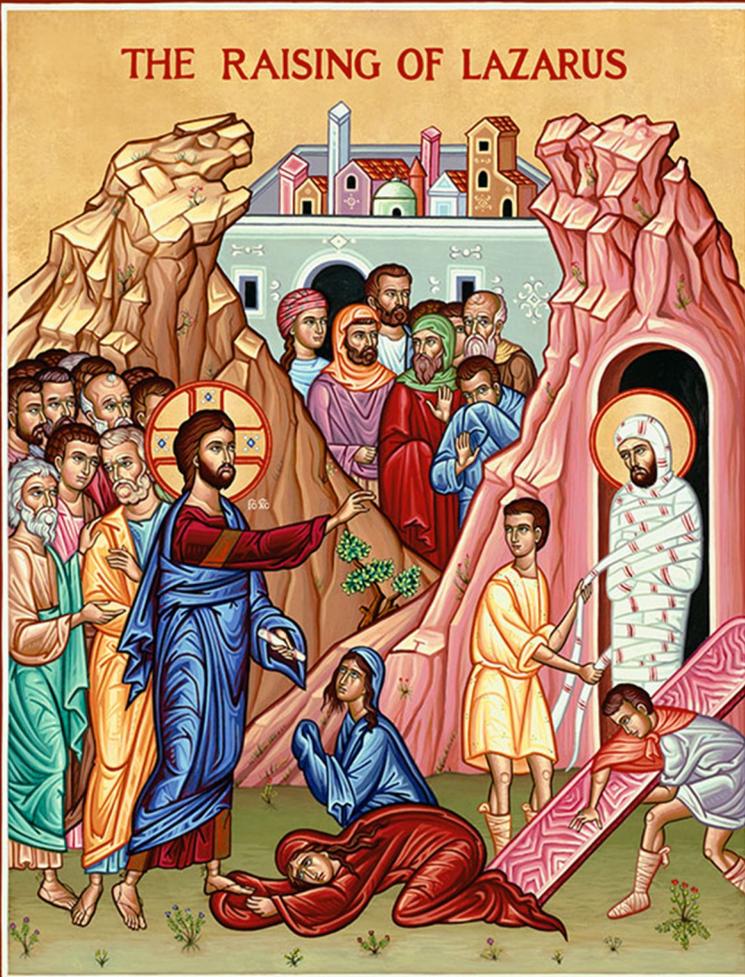
Marriage:

Please contact Monsignor Michael Begolly in the Parish Office at least one year in advance for information and scheduling.

Holy Communion

for those who are homebound:
Please contact the Parish Office.

New members are always welcome.
Please call the Parish Office to register.



St. John Baptist de La Salle
497 Athena Drive
Delmont, PA 15626
(724) 327-0647

Saturday anticipated Mass 4:00 PM
Sunday Mass 11:00 AM



Saint Mary, Our Lady of Lourdes
5900 Kennedy Avenue
Export, PA 15632
(724) 327-0647

Sunday Mass 9:00 AM



Mother of Sorrows
4202 Old William Penn Highway
Murrysville, PA 15668
(724) 733-8870

Saturday anticipated Mass 4:30 PM
Sunday Masses 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 AM & 6:00 PM

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Sunday, Mar 22, 2026

A rock of faith

Of the two sisters of Bethany, Mary is usually considered the “spiritual” one, and Martha is relegated to the category of “hostess with the mostest.” But after the death of their brother Lazarus, it is Martha who shows her spiritual mettle in her encounter with Jesus on the road. She gives her profession of faith with as much insight and certainty as does Peter when he was once asked by Jesus, “Who do you say that I am?” Peter’s response earns him the role of first leader of the church. Martha’s faith ensures that Lazarus is returned to her family and demonstrates that she, too, is a “rock.”

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Ezekiel 37:12-14; Romans 8:8-11; John 11:1-45 (34). *“Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God.”*

Monday, Mar 23, 2026

Withhold your judgment

If you read the scripture for today, you’ll find two long and dramatic stories about the dangers of judging others. You’ll see the hazards of denying your conscience, bearing false witness, and having the attitudes of judgmentalism and self-righteousness. Believing in Jesus, on the other hand, and following him, leads to humility, honesty, integrity, and compassion. The next time you’re about to judge someone—talk down a friend, coworker, or member of your family, or get mad at someone in a service job—step back and offer your resentment up to God. “Do not judge, and you will not be judged,” Jesus says in Luke 6:37. “Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.”

LENTEN WEEKDAY

Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; John 8:1-11 (251). *“Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.”*

Tuesday, Mar 24, 2026

The sender in the sent

At the end of every Mass, we hear some version of the words, “Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.” This moment is not the end, it’s the beginning. We celebrate the Eucharist so that we might become for others what Jesus was for us—sustenance and life poured out for the good of all we meet. When we go forth “in his name,” we carry Jesus with us in a very real way, to our families, workplaces, and neighbors, and to strangers alike. Next time as Mass comes to a close, listen to those words commissioning you to bear Christ to the world. Take them to heart.

LENTEN WEEKDAY

Numbers 21:4-9; John 8:21-30 (252). *“The one who sent me is with me.”*

Wednesday, Mar 25, 2026

Play the favorite

It’s not easy for us to explain why we hold certain people in special esteem above others. We have our favorites, and we don’t usually analyze it much beyond that. But if we did, we would probably find that we enjoy the person’s company because what they do pleases us. For these same reasons Mary found favor with God. She chose ways that were God’s ways. “Mary’s greatness,” says Pope Benedict XVI, “consists in the fact that she wants to magnify God, not herself.” She is the “mirror of all holiness.”

Follow Mary’s example and strive to be a shining example of God’s love.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD
Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10; Hebrews 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38 (545).
“The angel said to her, ‘Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.’”

Thursday, Mar 26, 2026

Naming rights

As Christians we often take on new names at Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders, and marriage to mark entrance into a new phase of our faith life and discipleship. When God entered into a covenant with Abram and his descendants, Abram got a new name—Abraham—that signified the renewed relationship between God and God’s people. Simon became the Peter as Jesus called him to be his rock. Each Lent as we review and renew our relationship with God, perhaps we should consider giving our faith life a new name. What will yours be?

LENTEN WEEKDAY

Genesis 17:3-9; John 8:51-59 (254). *“No longer shall you be called Abram; your name shall be Abraham, for I am making you the father of a host of nations.”*

Friday, Mar 27, 2026

Prayer stations

Today is the last Friday before Holy Week and the last one before Good Friday. As the day of the week on which Jesus died, Fridays have had a special place in Christian tradition. There was a time when Catholics abstained from meat on every Friday, not only those in Lent, as a reminder of Christ’s sacrifice. Another traditional Catholic practice associated with Friday is the Stations of the Cross. Every church has the series of 10 shrines devoted to the Stations. Going from one to another as you pray retraces Jesus’ footsteps to the place of his Crucifixion and offers a kind of pilgrimage in the same sacred space where we celebrate the Eucharist. From life to death to new and transformed life: This is the mystery we enter into at this time of year—and all year round. Pray the Stations today.

LENTEN WEEKDAY; DAY OF ABSTINENCE

Jeremiah 20:10-13; John 10:31-42 (255). *“The LORD is with me, like a mighty champion: my persecutors will stumble, they will not triumph.”*

Saturday, Mar 28, 2026

Renew, repent, repeat

Being human, it is likely we would sin every day. That is why we are encouraged, particularly during Lent, to renew ourselves daily. “This is what we do with houses, says Saint John Chrysostom, “we keep constantly repairing them as they wear old. You should do the same thing to yourself. Have you sinned today? Do not despair, do not despond, but renew your soul by repentance, and tears, and Confession, and by doing good things.” And the great doctor of the church adds, “Never cease doing this.”

LENTEN WEEKDAY

Ezekiel 37:21-28; John 11:45-56 (256). *“Make for yourselves a new heart and a new spirit.”*

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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ST. JOHN AND ST. MARY LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Saturday 3/21

12:00 NN SJ **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

4:00 PM SJ † Marc Delissio (*Family*)

Sunday 3/22 Fifth Sunday in Lent

7:30 AM SM For the Parish

9:00 AM SM † Dolores Speer (*Alex Speer & Family*)

9:30 AM SJ † John Daley (*Mary Daley*)

11:30 AM SJ † Joe Purdue (*Gram & Pap Quaglieri*)

6:00 PM SJ † Eleanor & Carl Urban (*Daughter*)

Monday 3/23

8:30 AM SM † Deceased Family & Friends (*Philip Brown*)
Rosalie Lesser (*Ann & Steve Steinbiser*)

Tuesday 3/24

8:30 AM SJ † Thomas Gravy (*Phyllis & Al Ramler*)

12:00 NN SM Eucharistic Adoration

4:00 PM SM Benediction and Reposition

Wednesday 3/25

8:30 AM SM † Thomas & Anne Creenan (*Jim & Molly Creenan*)

Thursday 3/26

8:30 AM SJ † Edward Pike (*Pike Family*)
Vincent Valeri (*Family*)

6:30 PM SJ **Regional Confessions**

7:00 PM SM Taizé Prayer

Friday 3/27

8:30 AM SM † Penkert & Sweda Families Living & Deceased (*Raissa Federline*)

12:00 NN SM Stations of the Cross

7:00 PM SJ Stations of the Cross

Saturday 3/28

4:00 PM SJ Special Intention

Sunday 3/29 Palm Sunday

9:00 AM SM Special Intention

11:00 AM SJ Special Intention



We commend to your prayers Julia O'Connor, mother of parishioner Jeff O'Connor, who died recently. May God

welcome her to the joys of Paradise and bring comfort and peace to her family.

OUR WEEKLY NUMBERS

March 14 and 15

MOTHER OF SORROWS

Offertory \$ 26,063.44

Outreach \$ 1,376.00



Church, Rectory and School Maintenance for February:

\$ 13,982.42

ST. JOHN

Attendance 1,035

Offertory \$ 8,434.25



ST. MARY

Attendance 348

Offertory \$ 5,084.00



STEWARDSHIP NOTES

“Jesus said to her, ‘Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?’” John 11:40

Many of us say that we believe in God. We attend Sunday Mass and participate in parish events. But when life gets hard and the pressure is on, when things aren't going our way, do we really believe? Do we really put our trust in the Lord? When we live a life of gratitude, recognizing all that we have been given, we really do see that God is providing for our needs. Living a grateful and generous life allows us to see God's active presence in our daily lives and we become “partakers of the divine nature.”

A PEEK AT THE WEEK...

Sunday		March 22
8:30 AM	MOS	Faith Formation for those with special needs, Ave Maria Room
10:30 AM	SJ	Choir Rehearsal, St. John Church
4:00 PM	SJ	Family Faith Formation - Triduum Prep, St. John Church
4:00 PM	SJ	OCIA, St. John Social Hall
7:00 PM	MOS	High School Youth Ministry, Lower narthex
Monday		March 23
6:30 PM	MOS	Cub Scouts, Social Hall
Tuesday		March 24
10:00 AM	MOS	Staff meeting, Conference Room
Wednesday		March 25
9:30 AM	MOS	Women's Bible Study, Ave Maria Room
6:30 PM	SJ	Family Faith Formation - Triduum Prep, St. John Church
6:30 PM	SJ	Choir Rehearsal, St. John Social Hall
Thursday		March 26
12:00 NN	SJ	Lenten Luncheon, St. John Social Hall
2:00 PM	MOS	DeSales Group, Ave Maria Room
Friday		March 27
9:00 AM	MOS	Centering Prayer, Ave Maria Room
7:00 PM	MOS	Living Stations of the Cross, MOS School
Saturday		March 28
7:00 AM	SM	Catholic Men's Fellowship, Social Hall
9:00 AM	MOS	Men's Renewal Group, Ave Maria Room
12:00 NN	MOS	Rosary Rally, lower parking lot
7:00 PM	MOS	Living Stations of the Cross, MOS School
Sunday		March 29
8:30 AM	MOS	Faith Formation for those with special needs, Ave Maria Room
7:00 PM	MOS	High School Youth Ministry, Lower narthex

PREPARE FOR THE FEAST

Special Family and Parish Faith Formation sessions are planned on **Sunday, March 22** from 4:00 to 5:30 PM and **Wednesday, March 25** from 6:30 to 7:30 PM at St. John Parish to give families and all members of our parishes the opportunity to discover together the importance of the Easter Triduum.

We will explore a number of the important ritual actions of the Triduum, including:

Holy Thursday - Washing of Feet and Procession with the Blessed Sacrament
Good Friday - Veneration of the Cross
Easter Vigil - Procession of Light and Blessing of Baptismal Water

All families are invited and encouraged to attend, especially those preparing for the celebration of the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist, those with children in Faith Formation, and those with children in Mother of Sorrows School.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

All are invited to journey with Jesus on his way to the cross. There will be several opportunities each week to pray the Stations of the Cross:

12:00 NN Fridays at St. Mary
7:00 PM Fridays at St. John

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Middle School and High School Youth Ministry will present a prayerful reflection of the living Stations on **Friday, March 27 and Saturday, March 28** at 7:00 PM in the Mother of Sorrows School cafeteria.

All are welcome!

COME TO THE FEAST

What Sunday is to the week, the Triduum is to the year - namely, a veritable feast of riches that God provides for his people.

All are invited and encouraged to attend the liturgies of these holy Three Days as we are nourished by word, sacrament, and a sense of community with our brothers and sisters.

In a special way, we will welcome new members who will be celebrating Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil.

Following the Great Easter Vigil that begins at 8:30 PM on Holy Saturday night, we will have a special reception in the MOS Parish Social Hall in honor of our newest members. All are welcome!!

TRIDUUM MASS SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday, April 2

6:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper, St. Mary Parish
 7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper, MOS, followed by Adoration in the Social Hall until 12:00 MN prayer

Good Friday, April 3

12:00 NN Stations of the Cross, St. Mary
 1:30 PM Celebration of the Lord's Passion, MOS
 6:00 PM Celebration of the Lord's Passion, St. John Parish

Holy Saturday, April 4

12:00 NN Blessing of the Baskets, MOS
 12:00 NN Blessing of the Baskets, St. Mary Parish
 8:30 PM The Great Easter Vigil, MOS followed by a parish reception in the Social Hall

Easter Sunday, April 5

7:30 AM Easter Mass, MOS
 9:00 AM Easter Mass, St. Mary Parish
 9:30 AM Easter Mass, MOS
 11:00 AM Easter Mass, St. John Parish
 11:30 AM Easter Mass, MOS

ROSARY RALLY

Our next outdoor Rosary Rally sponsored by America Needs Fatima will be held on **Saturday, March 28** at 12:00 NN in the lower MOS church parking lot.

Please bring a folding chair, an umbrella, your rosary, and a friend with you. It will be held outdoors rain or shine. Please call Mary Rita Turka at 412-848-5105 with any questions.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Join us on **Sunday, April 12** at 3:00 PM at MOS for

Veneration of the Divine Mercy Image and a Eucharistic Holy Hour with Benediction. The Holy Hour will include recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, scripture reading, and a homily given by Fr. Jay. All are welcome to attend.

PILGRIMAGE TO ST. ANTHONY CHAPEL

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring an evening at St. Anthony Chapel in Troy Hill on **Wednesday, April 29**. The evening will begin at 7:00 PM with Mass celebrated by Monsignor Michael followed by a tour of the chapel. Please plan to join us for this beautiful celebration.

There will be a bus available that leaves St. Mary at 5:30 PM. The cost of the bus is \$10 per family. If you plan to attend, please contact Joann in at jgiuffre@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

WELCOME BACK!!

We are excited to welcome parishioners back to **MOS NEXT weekend**, March 28 and 29. Please note the regular schedule for Mass times:

Saturday 3/28

4:30 PM † Adrienne Heinrich (Don & Peg Miller)

Sunday 3/29 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Stephen Stoltz (Mom & Dad, Billy, Randi, Jake & Joe)

9:30 AM † John Petrush, Sr. (Jeffrey Kerr)

11:30 AM † Living & Deceased Members of the Romito Family (Sarah & Dante Romito)

6:00 PM For the Parish

We greatly appreciate your patience and generosity during this project and we hope that you are pleased with the improvements!

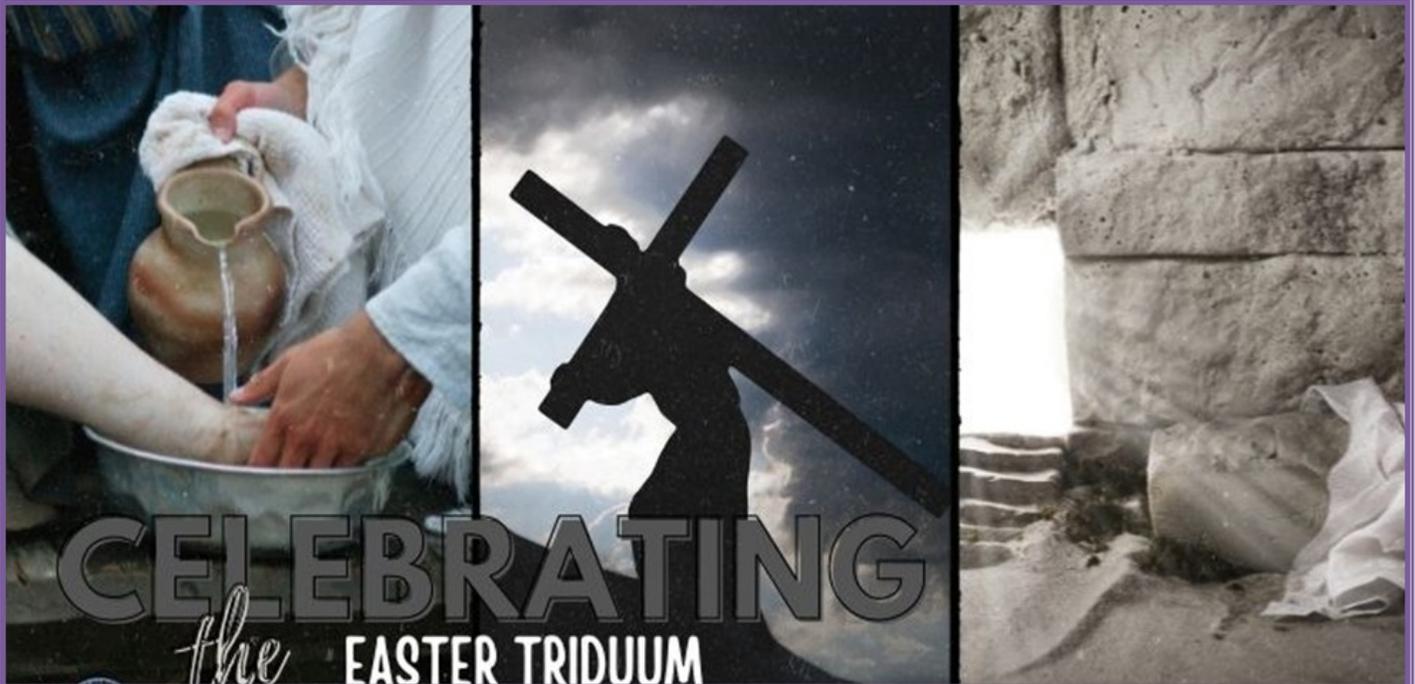
Thank You to the parishioners of St. John and St. Mary for your wonderful hospitality during this season of Lent, on our pilgrimage of the heart.



CONGRATULATIONS

Best Wishes to Brian and Laura Lumsden as they renewed their wedding vows.

May God continue to bless them and their family with His love.



The Paschal Triduum is a single liturgical celebration that spans three days. It begins on the Thursday before Easter and ends the evening of Easter Sunday. “Isn’t that four days?” you might ask yourself. The Church counts these days liturgically, so the “day” begins the evening before. (Remember, “evening came, and morning followed, the first day” from Genesis).

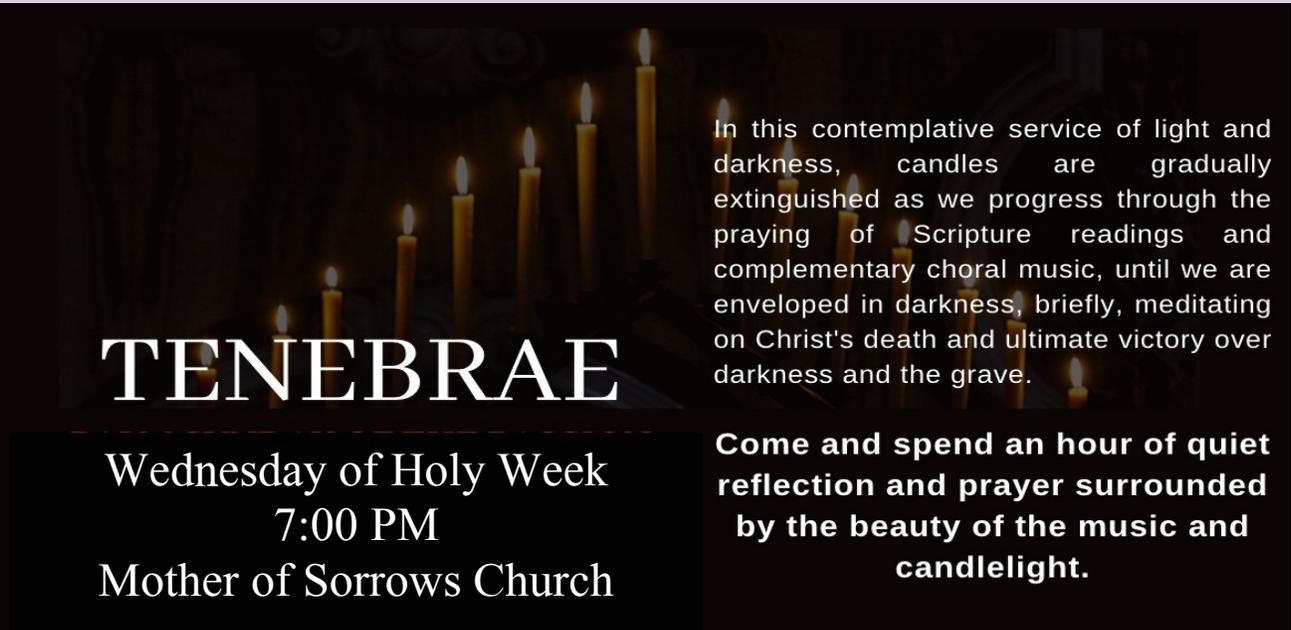
- Day One (Thursday evening to Friday evening) has two primary liturgical services, the Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper and the Solemn Celebration of the Lord’s Passion.
- Day Two (Friday evening to Saturday evening) is the only day in the year when there is no celebration of the Eucharist, as we recall Jesus’ death, burial and rest in the tomb.
- Day Three (Saturday evening to Sunday evening) is the culmination of the celebrations of the Triduum with the Great Easter Vigil.

Another unique element about the Paschal Triduum is that a single liturgy encompasses all three days. It is not three separate liturgies. At the end of the Mass on Holy Thursday, you’ll notice there is no final blessing or dismissal. People are invited to pray quietly before the Blessed Sacrament and then leave when they are ready. The liturgy doesn’t formally conclude; it simply pauses.

The liturgy picks up again on Good Friday with the Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion. You'll notice that this solemn liturgy doesn't have the usual, formal beginning we are used to: the entrance procession or greeting by the priest. Rather, the priest and ministers enter the sanctuary when they are ready and, after prostrating before the altar, they simply pick up where they left off the evening before. Like Holy Thursday, the Good Friday liturgy doesn't have a formal dismissal; rather, the priest simply says a prayer over the people before departing. Another pause.

And although the Easter Vigil does begin with the sign of the cross, it begins in a different location — outside, around a bonfire without an opening song or procession. We pick up our prayer from where we left off the day before. And it is only at the end of the Easter Vigil Mass that we hear the formal dismissal of the assembly, "Mass is ended," with the double alleluia. The Easter Vigil, which always is to begin after sunset on Saturday, takes place on the third day of the Triduum, so the vigil is considered the Easter Mass. Subsequent Masses are celebrated on Easter Sunday for those unable to attend the vigil.

What Sunday is to the week, the Triduum is to the entire year. Plan to be with us to recall and celebrate the three days that changed the world!



TENEBRAE

Wednesday of Holy Week
7:00 PM
Mother of Sorrows Church

In this contemplative service of light and darkness, candles are gradually extinguished as we progress through the praying of Scripture readings and complementary choral music, until we are enveloped in darkness, briefly, meditating on Christ's death and ultimate victory over darkness and the grave.

Come and spend an hour of quiet reflection and prayer surrounded by the beauty of the music and candlelight.

LENTEN LUNCHEON

The Delmont Ministerial Association warmly invites you to its final Lenten Luncheon at St. John Baptist de La Salle. All are welcome on **Thursday, March 26**. Lunch is served at noon and a devotion by Monsignor Michael will begin at 12:30 PM. A free will offering will be accepted to benefit local Meals on Wheels.

MOS CHRISM MASS BUS TRIP

As we approach the holiest week of the year and the Sacred Triduum, we have an opportunity to attend the annual Chrism Mass Bus and Lunch Trip with our 3 parishes.

We will travel to Blessed Sacrament Cathedral for the Diocesan Chrism Mass on **April 2**, in which the Bishop blesses the Holy Oils for our catechumens, candidates and those who will be anointed this year. This liturgy brings all of the priests of Greensburg together, with our Bishop and parishioners from across the diocese every year and is a powerful way to prepare to celebrate the Holy Triduum.

Please arrive at MOS by 8:45 AM for pick-up. The Chrism Mass begins at 10:00 AM and we will head to Pasqualino's in Murrysville for a catered lunch after 12:00 noon. The bus will take our party back to MOS around 2:00 PM.

The cost is \$20 a person, \$15 for a child, and \$50 for an immediate family. Cash or check due upon boarding the bus. Venmo at your convenience. Please RSVP by March 30 to <https://forms.gle/MZNSxrpcCznnUEaw9>. We hope to see you there.

LENTEN TAIZÉ PRAYER

Taizé is a distinctive style of meditation prayer developed by an ecumenical community of monks in rural France. This quiet, moving reflective prayer combines elements of the Church's traditional Liturgy of the Hours with elements of contemplative meditation.

A typical Taizé prayer service incorporates periods of silence with meditative readings from Scripture, prayers of praise and intercession, and the frequent repetition of simple, contemporary chants based on the Psalms or other parts of Scripture. The result is to gradually move prayer from the head to the heart.

Join us for Taizé prayer in St. Mary Church on **Thursday, March 26** at 7:00 PM.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. Paul tell us that "this is the acceptable time, now is the day of salvation." All are invited and encouraged to take some time for self-examination and to celebrate this great sacrament of God's mercy during Lent.

Confessions will be heard at St. John Parish on Saturdays at 12:00 Noon and at St. Mary Parish on Tuesdays at 5:00 PM. Regional Penance Services will be held during Lent.

Monday, March 23 - 6:30 PM St. Barbara Parish, Harrison City
Tuesday, March 24 - 6:30 PM St. Regis Parish, Trafford
Wednesday, March 25 - 6:30 PM Sacred Heart, Jeannette
Thursday, March 26 - 6:30 PM St. John Parish, Delmont



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place at St. Mary Church on **Tuesday, March 24** from 12:00 NN until **4:00 PM.**

DELMONT MEALS ON WHEELS

In Delmont, Meals on Wheels are prepared and distributed on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Every five months our parishes provide the desserts. Volunteers are sent an email when our month is approaching and they choose a day that they will prepare and package a dessert for around 70 recipients. If you would like to be included in the email list, please send an email to Marybelle Weber at *dweber174@comcast.net.* No commitment is necessary.

It is our turn to do this in April and we currently have the following dates open: April 3, April 8, April 10, April 13, and April 29. If you'd like to volunteer for one of these dates, please email Marybelle Weber at the address above.

SUPPORT MINISTRY

Support Ministry welcomes recent widows or those who have been widowed for many years. All widows are invited to join us on **Tuesday, April 14** at 1:00 PM at DeeJay's Lounge in Murrysville. Please RSVP to Sandy Martin at *sandymartin112@gmail.com* or 724-787-9305 or by April 9.



Easter Celebration

Join us for a joyful Easter celebration!

When: Sunday, April 12 9:00 AM Mass
Where: St. Mary, Our Lady of Lourdes

After Mass, stay for donuts and an exciting Easter egg hunt!

To help the Easter Bunny prepare, please fill out the form below with your child's age and return it no later than March 29th.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____
 Phone Number: _____
 Email: _____

Child's Name(s) and Age(s):

1. _____ (Age: __)
2. _____ (Age: __)
3. _____ (Age: __)
4. _____ (Age: __)

Please submit this form by March 29th to ensure the Easter Bunny has treats ready for your child(ren)!

SAVE THE DATE

RAIN FOREST FALLS
 AT ST. BARBARA CHURCH

JUNE 15-19, 2026

Vacation Bible School registration is now open.

Remember, VBS fills up quickly. Registrations are open until April 10, 2026 at noon.

For registration information please e-mail Joann @ jgiuffre@dioceseofgreensburg.org

In need of material assistance? Contact the St. John St. Mary St. Vincent DePaul Conference.
 Call (724) 575-9888

ONLINE GIVING OPTION NOW AVAILABLE, VISIT OUR PARISH WEBSITE
www.stjohnstmary.net

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

Last Sunday in High School Youth Ministry we held a Night of Encounter at St. Mary, Our Lady of Lourdes Church. Everyone gathered for pizza and games at the park next to the church before heading inside for an hour of adoration, prayer and an opportunity for confession. To begin the Holy Hour, Mr. Merante gave a talk on integrity and cheating. He asked the teens to think about and pray about what happens to our integrity when we are willing to accept the common notion that "everybody cheats" and it's not a big deal. Father Dave closed the evening with Benediction and Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Please join us on **Sunday, March 22**, when we welcome guest speaker, Fr. John Kist, who will talk to us on Liturgy! Come prepared with all your questions on the Mass. We will meet at Mother of Sorrows from **7:00 to 9:00 PM** for food, fun, and some great discussion, so bring a friend.



CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS

The Diocese of Greensburg has set forth clearance requirements for individuals who volunteer at Parishes throughout the Diocese. The following clearances must be renewed every five years: FBI Fingerprint Check, Volunteer Affidavit, Pennsylvania Criminal History Clearance, Pennsylvania Child Abuse Clearance and Virtus Protecting God's Children Training.

As of February 1, 2026, there are over 210 volunteers in our Parishes who will need to update their clearances on or before March 31. We are making every effort to simplify this process by having in-person training classes; having a notary available at the Mother of Sorrows Parish office; and meeting with individuals to assist with the renewal process. Both the Virtus Training and Mandated Reporter Training can be completed online or at an in-person training session.

Please note that the Diocese of Greensburg will perform an audit of all clearances on June 30, 2026. **If your clearances are not current as of June 29, 2026, you will be marked inactive and cannot volunteer until your clearances are brought current.** If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Linda at lkuchar@dioceseofgreensburg.org or 724-733-8870.

DIOCESAN LENTEN APPEAL

Thanks to your generosity, this year's DLA is off to a good start!

	\$ pledged	% of diocesan goal	% of parish goal	# of pledges
St. Mary	37,140	99.8	46.4	29
St. John	20,860	45.3	26.1	35
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BOOMERS AND BEYOND

Join us on **Tuesday, April 14** at 11:30 AM in the Mother of Sorrows Parish Social Hall for a presentation on “Enhancing Our Cognitive Health through Nutrition,” presented by Dianne Staso, MS, R.D.

Following a diet that contains foods that boost brain health can enhance memory, clarity and focus. Join Dianne Staso, MS, R.D., as she discusses the latest research about diet and brain health. She will review the Mediterranean, DASH, and Mind diets and how they have all been linked to a reduced risk of Alzheimer’s disease.

Dianne Staso is a Registered Dietitian with a master’s degree in nutrition and exercise physiology. Her background includes clinical hospital work, cardiac rehabilitation, health promotion, and digestive health.

Boomers and Beyond is a ministry serving the ‘baby boomers’ and all adults of Mother of Sorrows Parish and the surrounding communities. Topics are varied and reservations are not required. Participants gather at 11:30 AM and are encouraged to bring a ‘brown bag’ lunch and a friend. Presentations follow from 12:00 - 1:00 PM.



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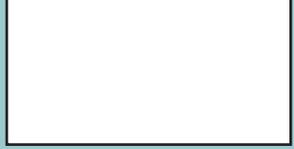
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