

Compliance guidelines for all adult Volunteers

For the safety of our children and vulnerable adults, the Parish of Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Peace and St. Veronica requires that all adult volunteers are to have background checks and take the required training sessions. The State of Pennsylvania and the Diocese of Scranton have made it mandatory for anyone who, in the course of their responsibilities, comes in contact with children be mandated for all background checks and sessions. Father Beck has decided that every adult volunteer be mandated to do this because **'Aren't we all morally mandated to be reporters?'**

We offer the required Mandated Reporter Training classes and Virtus sessions on a regular basis, for your convenience. Please call the Rectory Office at 570 226-3183 or email parishsecretary@queenofpeacehawley.com to register, any questions or concerns

The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing.

Edmund Burke

Baptisms

Parents wishing to have their child baptized into the Catholic faith should contact the Rectory at least 3 months before the child is born to make the necessary arrangements. Participation in a parish Baptismal Preparation Program is required. Both Godparents need to be Christian. One of those need to be a practicing Catholic. By being a practicing Catholic, means attending a Catholic Church regularly. Adults who wish to be baptized need to enter the RCIA program with Deacon Matt Lorent.

Weddings

Couples planning to be married in our parish must contact a priest at least one year in advance. It is strongly urged that this be done prior to making any other arrangements. Every couple is required to participate in a Diocesan Marriage Preparation Program (Pre-Cana) which serves as an enhancement of their preparation to receive the sacrament. You need to be registered with a parish to be married at Blessed Virgin Mary Queen of Peace.

The Ministry Brochure of Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Peace & Saint Veronica's Parish

www.queenofpeacehawley.com

Office Hours & Telephone Numbers:

Rectory - 570 226-3183

Hours: Monday –Thursday

9:00am-12 noon & 1:00 pm- 4:00pm

Fridays 9:00 am –12:00 pm

Saturdays & Sundays Closed

Youth Faith Formation - 570 226-2955

Check Bulletin for Faith Formation Hours.

Served By:

Reverend Richard W. Beck, Pastor

Deacon Matt Lorent

William Ferraro, Business Manager

Frances Peters, Parish Secretary

Youth Faith Formation:

Mary Kennedy, Director

Victoria Barone, Secretary

*Together we are the Church
FOR THE GOOD OF
THE WHOLE*

*For even the Son of Man did not
come to be served, but to serve, and
to give his life as the ransom for
many.*

Mark 10:45

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Building & Restoration Council

The Council was created to assess, inspect and make recommendations to the Pastor as to the care and upkeep of the physical buildings and grounds in the Parish. We are called in when any major repairs or restorations are needed.

Pastoral Council

We are a group of diverse parishioners who gather to try to create more involved fellowship within the parish. We are always looking for active parishioners who want to get involved with events.

Finance Council

The Finance Council offers advice and suggestions regarding the financial condition of the parish to the Pastor. They look over the yearly budget and advise when necessary.

Family Envelope Usage

Since our parish family is growing so rapidly, it is difficult to recognize each individual as attending Mass and receiving the Sacraments regularly. We remind everyone that your use of your envelopes allows the Rectory staff to create a record of verifiable practice of the Catholic faith (attending Sunday Mass regularly), should you be asked to be a godparent, sponsor, or matrimonial witness and require an Eligibility Certificate. If you believe that you should have received envelopes and did not, please contact the Rectory. It also keeps track of your giving when tax season comes around.

Please come to the Rectory if you wish to:

- Register with the Parish
- Get a Mass Card (for Special Intentions, - Healing or Deceased)
- Plan to have a candle in someone's name
- If you are planning on Baptizing your child,
- Would like to become a Catholic,
- Are planning on getting married,
- Would like to be a volunteer
- Have a question about the cemetery or
- Wish to purchase a plot.

Business & Administration

Church Councils & Committees

As with any organization, the leaders of the group, in this situation is the Pastor, appoints particular parishioners for certain councils for their expertise in their field of work to help with the some guidance over certain matters.

When a need occurs a council might be formed, or certain members might be called in for council to the pastor. A council might dissolve if it is no longer needed or might become a long term commitment if it works for both parties.

Annual Golf Outing and Dinner

Fundraising is a fact of life for the Catholic Church. Without donations and fundraising many ministries and improvements would never get done. Without the volunteers to help with these fundraiser, the Church does not get the improvements that are greatly needed.

The Golf Outing has been going on for over 6 years and is in need of volunteers to help assist with coordination, preparation, mailings etc. This is the parishes only fundraiser. Remember, we are the Church. Without us.....

For questions or to help please call Judy at 570 226-3183 or email events@queenofpeacehawley.com.

“The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully”.
2 Corinthians 9:6

Important Sponsor Information

To be eligible to become a Sponsor or Godparent there are requirements to follow:

- Being a registered parishioner and faithfully attending Sunday Mass. Using your envelopes allows the Rectory to keep verifiable record of Mass attendance.
- Having received the Three Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Holy Eucharist, and Confirmation. If married, was witnessed by a Catholic Priest in a Catholic Church.
- Support the child you are to sponsor by your example of Christian life.

Regular Mass Schedule

Weekend after Labor Day to weekend before Fathers Day

Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Peace:

Daily (M-F) 9:00 AM
Sat.: 9:00 AM Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Saturday Evening: 5:30 PM
Sunday: 8:30 AM & 11:30 AM
First Fridays: 9:00 AM & 5:30 PM during the months of April through December
Confessions:
Saturday: 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM
First Friday - Before Masses

St. Veronica's

Saturday Evening: 4:30 PM
Sunday: 10:00 AM
Confessions:
Saturday 4:00 PM to 4:15 PM
Sunday 9:30 AM to 9:45 AM

Summer Mass Schedule

Father's Day Weekend through Labor Day Weekend

Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Peace:

Daily (M-F) 9:00 AM
Sat.: 9:00 AM Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Saturday Evening: 5:30 PM
Sunday: 8:30 AM, & 11:00 AM
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Holy Day & Vigil—Obligations

Vigil— Queen of Peace -5.30 PM
Feast Day— Queen of Peace— 9:00 AM
Saint Veronica— 5.30 PM

Community Outreach

The Sermon on the Mount

1 When he saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him

2 He began to teach them, saying:

The Beatitudes

- 3 Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 4 Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.
- 5 Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land.
- 6 Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.
- 7 Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.
- 8 Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God.
- 9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
- 10 Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 11 Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you [falsely] because of me.
- 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

Matthew 5

The Beatitudes depict the countenance of Jesus Christ and portray his charity. They express the vocation of the faithful associated with the glory of his Passion and Resurrection; they shed light on the actions and attitudes characteristic of the Christian life; they are the paradoxical promises that sustain hope in the midst of tribulations; they proclaim the blessings and rewards already secured, however dimly, for Christ's disciples; they have begun in the lives of the Virgin Mary and all the saints.

CCC 1717

Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Peace and St. Veronica's Youth Religious Education Program

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me and do not stop them, because the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these."

Matthew 19:14

We are here to help you teach the catholic faith to our parish children and encourage them to develop a loving relationship with Christ as essential to their emotional, physical and spiritual life.

Please call us if you would like to enroll your child/ children into our Faith Formation Program.

We would like you to encourage families to take an active role in parish life and ministries to model community as fundamental to their faith.

Please call Mary Kennedy at 570 226-2955 or email at ffdirector@queenofpeacehawley.com.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

- If you have never been baptized, but wish too. You are welcome.
- If you have been Baptized, but in a different faith. You are welcome.
- If you have been Baptized Catholic but never received the sacraments of the Holy Eucharist and Confirmation. You are welcome.

The RCIA program begins in September and continues until Easter. It entails regular classroom sessions in which the participants are instructed about our faith. The program also requires them to gather following Mass in order to discuss the readings or address questions about the Mass itself. It's quite a commitment but such a decision to fully embrace our faith should require such. Please call the Rectory Office for more information.

Our parish also offers an RCIC (Rite of Christian Initiation of Children) program to help get individuals, or even entire families, "caught up" to the level they should be at to enter regular Youth Faith Formation classes. Please call the Youth Faith Formation Office for more information.

I have called you by name: you are Mine.

Isaiah 43:1

Spiritual Development

Becoming a disciple of Jesus means accepting the invitation to belong to God's family, to live in conformity with His way of life: "For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother, and sister, and mother." CCC 2233

From the time of the apostles, becoming a Christian has been accomplished by a journey and initiation in several stages. This journey can be covered rapidly or slowly, but certain essential elements will always have to be present: proclamation of the Word, acceptance of the Gospel entailing conversion, profession of faith, Baptism itself, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and admission to Eucharistic communion. CCC 1229

The seven *gifts* of the Holy Spirit are wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. They belong in their fullness to Christ, Son of David.¹⁰⁹ They complete and perfect the virtues of those who receive them. They make the faithful docile in readily obeying divine inspirations. CCC 1831

"J" Birds Youth Group

"Do not let anyone look down on you because you are young, but be an example for the believers in your speech, your conduct, your love, faith and purity."

1 Timothy 12

We are a group of high school students living our faith and proving that its cool 2B Catholic! We meet at least once a month for fellowship, service and worship.

Call us if you are searching for friends who share your faith and will encourage you on your journey of faith.

We would like you to come meet us! If you are in grades 8-12, feel free to join us at a meeting on the first Sunday of the month at 11.30 am in the Parish Center.

If you have any questions please call Mary Kennedy at 570 226-2955 or email at ffdiretor@queenofpeacehawley.com.

BAM

Bag A Month Food Collection program

We collect bags of specified food items before each of the Masses on the first full weekend of each month. We also accept cash donations. We assist three local County food pantries. Last year we donated hundreds of bags of food and \$20,000 in cash to the pantries to support their mission.

Our collection site is located next to the garages behind Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Peace Rectory and at the entrance to St. Veronica's. We are always looking for volunteers to help accept the donated bags one half an hour before Saturday **or** Sunday's Masses. You can close the site 5 minutes before Mass begins.

Please contact us if you able to 'work' a collection site one half an hour before one of the weekend Mass every now and then. [No long term commitments needed].

Rev. William B. Healey Knights of Columbus Council #797 has overall responsibility for operating the BAM program. If you have any suggestions or wish to help out, please contact Jim Conrad at 570 226-8170 or email Jim at jimconrad2@verizon.net.

Whatever you do for the least among you, you do it for me!

Matthew 25:40

Bereavement Ministry

One of the most difficult times in the life of any family is the death of a loved one. This is not forgotten after the funeral. We, as a community of faith, know that our loved ones are in their eternal rest, though we mourn for our loved one and ourselves. The process of family healing may take a long time.

Our ministers visit the family to explain the Funeral Rite and welcome their help to participate in the Rite in whatever way they are able. After the Funeral, ministers stay in contact with the family over the course of the first year through notes, phone calls, and/or visits. It is a ministry that fills a great need to the grieving members of our parish.

Won't you become part of this important ministry?! On the road to Emmaus, Jesus (as bereavement minister) "walked with" and "listened to" the mourners. Please contact Rosemarie Mazzotta at 570 390-4196 or email at roma0174@yahoo.com for more information or to join this beautiful ministry.

***All that is needed are two ears that can listen,
a heart that is open to others, and you Qualify!!!***

Tuesday Morning Quilters

Our Tuesday Morning Quilter's group is a gathering of faith and fellowship. Each Tuesday the team assembles downstairs in the church to layout the fabrics that will be used for the day. We are looking for volunteers to join us – no sewing experience is necessary – we are happy to teach those that are willing to help. We sew blankets and fabric pieces to create sleeping bags which are then donated to a shelter in Scranton. Inside each sleeping bag we include a shirt and pants; a quart size Ziploc bag with travel sized toiletries to include a toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, lotion and a comb. Our goal is to produce (4) bags each Tuesday. Our ministry was started 19 years ago and we have produced over 3556 sleeping bags since!

Some of us start as early as 7:00am – but all are welcome to start at any time they can. We normally begin to leave between 10:00am and 11:00am. You are flexible to help out as little or as much as your schedule allows.

We also knit and crochet hats and scarves that are included in the sleeping bags during the winter. We also donate hats, scarves and blankets to St. Joseph's Center in Scranton, Pa.

We are always seeking donations of items to go into the toiletry bags, quart sized Ziploc bags, sheets, comforters, pieces of fabric to make the bags; men's ties to create the straps for the sleeping bag; fresh new socks, tee shirts, sweatpants to include with the bag. Please leave items in the Church basement. As soon as you enter the basement, our storage room door is on the right, you may leave items there for us to use on Tuesday mornings.

We look forward to having you join us for fellowship and helping others. If you have questions you are welcome to contact Linda Highhouse at 226-2733 for more information.

*A time to tear apart and a time to sew together;
A time to be silent and a time to speak.*

Ecclesiastes 3:7

Corporal Works of Mercy

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| 1- Feed the hungry. | 5- Visit the sick. |
| 2- Give drink to the thirsty. | 6- Visit the imprisoned. |
| 3- Clothe the naked. | 7- Bury the dead. |
| 4- Shelter the homeless. | |

Ministry of Ushers

Ushers (ministers of hospitality) play a crucial role in the Church because they are so visible. The attitude, conduct and appearance of an usher could directly affect, either positively or negatively, the experience of the faithful at Mass.

These are some of the basic duties of an usher:

- Ensure that collection baskets, bulletins and any other handouts are in the proper place before Mass
- Greet people as they enter the church
- Attend to newcomers and the disabled if needed
- Assist the people with seating when necessary
- Take up the collection(s)
- Select people to present the gifts
- Help maintain order at Communion
- Open the church doors at the end of Mass

If you are interested in this ministry, please let one of the ushers know or contact Gary Beilman at 570 227-4826.

*“Follow me and be my disciple,” Jesus said to him.
So Matthew got up and followed him.*

Matthew 9:9

*For a day in your courts is better
than a thousand elsewhere.
I would rather be a doorkeeper
in the house of my God than
dwell in the tents of wickedness.*

Psalms 84:10

*Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;
let us shout aloud
to the Rock of our salvation*

Psalms 95.

The Music Ministry

The young David played and sang psalms for Saul. The music soothed the King's spirit and helped drive away evil spirits. Jesus and the disciples sang a hymn to God at the last supper. Jesus was about to begin the most difficult time in his short life. Imagine the relief this singing gave him as it helped calm his troubled thoughts.

When the Israelites were captive in Babylon, they were asked to sing the songs of praise to the one God. Their beauty and power must have been legendary.

Singing with one another; with your friends and family gives strength. God's word, when sung brings peace and gives inspiration. Singing today in church serves this same pure purpose. Congregational singing combines the power of all those who participate and makes an exceptionally strong statement to God. Occasionally, the congregation might sit in silence and find inspiration in soft playing or the listening to an unfamiliar but uplifting melody. But in all cases, music should elevate us.

This is the job of the music ministry here at Queen of Peace and St Veronica's. Whether through a cantor leading all in song or a choir blending their voices to uplift the congregation, there are opportunities to serve in this ministry. If you can sing in front of people, cantoring might be for you. If you like to sing but prefer to blend in and not stand out, the choir would like you to join us in our weekly celebration. If being at the 8:30 am or 10:00 am every week is difficult for you, but you can make the regular rehearsals, the important events such as Christmas, Holy Week, and Confirmation which take more preparation can use extra voices to make the occasions inspirational and memorable.

Please contact Fran at the Rectory at 226-3183 or Kevin at 352-6512 and let us know you're interested. Our rehearsals are Wednesday evening from 6:30pm to 8:00pm at Queen of Peace, and our weekly Mass is the 8.30 am. At St. Veronica's the Mass is at 10:00am Sunday with rehearsals to be determined. There are choir and cantor opportunities at both churches.

***"Truly I tell you,
I will no longer drink of this fruit
of the vine until that day when I drink
it anew in the kingdom of God.
And when they had sung a hymn,
they went out to the Mount of Olives."***

Mark 14:25-26

Knights of Columbus

Imagine being part of an organization that fills your heart and mind with the joy of giving to others and the feeling that comes with making a difference.

Knights are practicing Catholic men, 18 years of age and older, who are committed to making their community a better place, while supporting their Church. Being a Knight is more than camaraderie; it is being involved with your community; it is supporting your local parish, while enhancing your own faith; it is about protecting and enhancing your family life.

All the good works we do are formed around our four core principles:

- *Charity*
- *Unity*
- *Fraternity*
- *Patriotism*

For any information or questions please contact Mike Colucci (516) 637-6309.

Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share.

1 Timothy 6.18

The Outreach Ministry

"For I was ill and you cared for me."

Matthew 25:36

The Outreach Ministry is a ministry of people who are here to help those of our parish who are elderly or disabled; that are homebound. They bring the Most Holy Sacrament to them, spend some time and talk; see how their day is going. It is a wonderful and fulfilling ministry that helps both the homebound and yourself.

Please contact Erik Manassy at the Rectory office 570 226-3183 or email parishsecretary@queenofpeacehawley.com if you are interested in this ministry.

***"Amen, I say to you,
whatever you did for one of these
least brothers of mine,
you did for me."***

Matthew 25.40

The Gardening Ministry

The Queen of Peace Gardening Committee cares for the flower beds around the Church and Rectory. We weed, water, plant, spread mulch, fertilizers, lime and a lot more.

If you have time to spare, we would love the help. A little watering goes a long way.

We would like it if you would be able to fill in when someone is away or not able to perform their duties.

Please call Linda Highhouse at 570 226-2733 or email parishsecretary@queenofpeacehawley.com. Thank you.

I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me!

Philippians 4:13

The Prison Ministry

“For I was in prison and you came to visit me.”

Matthew 25:36

The Prison Ministry is a group of our faithful, who would like to bring a little faith to those who cannot come to Church. A minister will go to the Pike County Jail and celebrate the Liturgy of the Word with Communion, discuss the readings, or just talk a little of their lives and yours.

Please contact Tony Sanseverino if you are interested in this most fulfilling ministry at 570 470-9317.

Digital Discipleship

Our **Website** www.queenofpeacehawley.com is designed to keep our parishioners informed of the latest events that are happening around the Parish. The most recent bulletins are uploaded for you to read. There is Youth Faith Formation information on their page.

We also have a Facebook page- **Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen Of Peace**, that is designed to keep you updated with the most recent information and prayers. Become a ‘friend’ and receive posts from our page.

If you have any questions please call the Rectory Office at 570 226-3183.

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth”.

Acts 1.8

Ministers of the Altar

Altar Servers

There is always a need for Altar Servers. Since you are coming to Church every Sunday anyway, wouldn't it be wonderful to see your children (from 3rd grade up) serving the Lord. It is a wonderful ministry for children, that does not take up much of their time. We can work with your scheduling difficulties if that is what is holding you back.

Adult Altar Servers

Adult Altar Servers are needed to assist Father Beck and guest priests with Funeral Masses, usually following the 9:00 am Mass or Saturday Liturgy of the Word, also when we do not have an Altar Server for weekend Mass.

Eucharistic Ministers

We always welcome new Ministers and at this time we would like to ask parishioners to think and pray about becoming a Eucharistic Minister. They are at Mass to help the priest distribute the Holy Eucharist. They are ordinary people who are willing to serve God's people in this very special way.

Lectors

They proclaim the Word of the Lord in a way that makes the Lord's day more meaningful to the parishioners. There are workbooks to practice with, that are given to you at the beginning of the liturgical year, and you will be properly trained.

Please call the Rectory Office or email
parishsecretary@queenofpeacehawley.com *if you are interested.*

*“I give you a new commandment:
love one another, as I have loved you,
so you also should love one another.”*

John 13:34

Liturgy /Worship

All People

The Worshipping Assembly at Mass

In the celebration of Mass the faithful are a holy people, a chosen people, a royal priesthood: they give thanks to God and offer the Victim not only through the hands of the priest but also together with him and learn to offer themselves. They should endeavor to make this clear by their deep sense of reverence for God and their charity toward brothers and sisters who share with them in the celebration (no. 95). They should become one body, whether by hearing the word of God, or joining in prayers and liturgical song, or above all by offering the sacrifice together and sharing together in the Lord's table (no. 96).

Because the whole liturgy is a corporate act of the gathered assembly (GIRM no. 34; Catechism of the Catholic Church no. 1144), there are certain parts of the Mass that are to be done by the whole assembly, the congregation of the faithful and all the ministers, in order to express the corporate nature of this act. Through these actions, the entire congregation of the faithful joins itself to Christ in acknowledging the great things that God has done and in offering the sacrifice (no. 78).

Based upon Roman Missal Formational Materials provided by the Secretariat for the Liturgy of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2010

In the Church's liturgy the divine blessing is fully revealed and communicated. The Father is acknowledged and adored as the source and the end of all the blessings of creation and salvation. In his Word who became incarnate, died, and rose for us, he fills us with his blessings. Through his Word, he pours into our hearts the Gift that contains all gifts, the Holy Spirit. CCC 1082

For the purpose of assisting the work of the common priesthood of the faithful, other *particular ministries* also exist, not consecrated by the sacrament of Holy Orders; their functions are determined by the bishops, in accord with liturgical traditions and pastoral needs. "Servers, readers, commentators, and members of the choir also exercise a genuine liturgical function. CCC 1143

In the celebration of the sacraments it is thus the whole assembly that is *leitourgos*, each according to his function, but in the "unity of the Spirit" who acts in all. "In liturgical celebrations each person, minister or layman, who has an office to perform, should carry out *all* and *only* those parts which pertain to his office by the nature of the rite and the norms of the liturgy." CCC 1144

*All life is Precious.
To Respect Life,
means to respect all Life.*

Faith involves both the head and the heart. Catholic devotions and traditions enliven and nurture our Catholic faith, touching our hearts and allowing us to express our love of God.

Devotions/ Prayer

Prayer is a vital necessity. Proof from the contrary is no less convincing: if we do not allow the Spirit to lead us, we fall back into the slavery of sin. How can the Holy Spirit be our life if our heart is far from him?

Nothing is equal to prayer; for what is impossible it makes possible, what is difficult, easy. . . . For it is impossible, utterly impossible, for the man who prays eagerly and invokes God ceaselessly ever to sin.

Those who pray are certainly saved; those who do not pray are certainly damned.

CCC 2744

Prayer and *Christian life* are *inseparable*, for they concern the same love and the same renunciation, proceeding from love; the same filial and loving conformity with the Father's plan of love; the same transforming union in the Holy Spirit who conforms us more and more to Christ Jesus; the same love for all men, the love with which Jesus has loved us. "Whatever you ask the Father in my name, he [will] give it to you. This I command you, to love one another."

He "prays without ceasing" who unites prayer to works and good works to prayer. Only in this way can we consider as realizable the principle of praying without ceasing. CCC 2745

The Marian Movement of Priests

You are a priest forever in the order of Melchizedek.

Hebrews 7:17

On May 8, 1972, while on Pilgrimage to Fatima and praying in the Chapel of Apparitions for Priest, Father Don Stefano Gobbi felt an interior force urging him to have confidence in the Immaculate Heart of Mary. In October, 72, he started a Cenacle with three priests, the movement has since spread all over the world. The blessed Mother has given Father Gobbi messages for the world in a book called: 'To the Priests, Our Lady's Beloved Sons.' The contents of this book in accord with revealed doctrine and teaching of the Church.

The Ministry consists of Prayer and fraternal sharing called "Cenacles." We meet at 7:00 pm, for one hour, every Sunday evening at Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Peace Church. To bring about the Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, our Lady is asking that Cenacles among priests and laity be multiplied to form a great barrier against the spread of evil and sin and allow God and your heavenly Mother to bring about the victory of goodness and love.

We would like you to join us and bring a friend.

For more information please contact Catherine Hansen at 570 226-9281 or email bvmjes07@gmail.com.

First Saturday Marian Devotions

"Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer."

Romans 12:12

On December 10, 1925, the Holy Virgin, together with the Christ Child, appeared to Sister Lucia in the convent of the Dorothean Sister in Pontevedra, Spain. The Christ Child asked Sister Lucia to "have compassion on the heart of your most holy Mother, covered with thorns, with which ungrateful men pierce at every moment, and there is on one to make an act of reparation to remove them".

Then the Blessed Mother spoke to Lucia, and she promised "to assist at the hour of death, with the graces necessary for salvation, all those who, on the first Saturday of five consecutive months, shall confess [their sins], receive holy Communion, recite five decades of the Rosary, and keep me company for fifteen minutes while meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary, with the intention of making reparation to me".

We meet every First Saturday of the every month, after the 9:00 am Liturgy of the Word with Communion. We would love to see you there.

The Tradition of the Church proposes to the faithful certain rhythms of praying intended to nourish continual prayer. Some are daily, such as morning and evening prayer, grace before and after meals, the Liturgy of the Hours. Sundays, centered on the Eucharist, are kept holy primarily by prayer. The cycle of the liturgical year and its great feasts are also basic rhythms of the Christian's life of prayer.

CCC 2698

The Lord leads all persons by paths and in ways pleasing to him, and each believer responds according to his heart's resolve and the personal expressions of his prayer. However, Christian Tradition has retained three major expressions of prayer: vocal meditative, and contemplative. They have one basic trait in common: composure of heart. This vigilance in keeping the Word and dwelling in the presence of God makes these three expressions intense times in the life of prayer. CCC 2699



Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Peace Intercessory Prayer Group

*'Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created
and You shall renew the face of the earth'*

Psalms 104:30

The prayer group meets each Monday after the 9:00 am Mass to pray to the Holy spirit for the life of our Parish and all its parishioners.

Please join us any or all Mondays you wish. Please call Lois Galizia at 570 685-2852 for any questions.

***"You shall love the Lord your God with all
your heart, with all your soul, with all
your mind and with all your strength"***

Mark 12.30

The Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Blind Satan and save souls.

The Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Movement has spread around the world and received four Imprimaturs, notably Archbishop Chaput of Pennsylvania. These Heavenly Communications given by our Lord and Our Lady to Elizabeth Kindelmann of Budapest, Hungary, from 1961-1982 are contained in her Spiritual Diary, written at the request of Our Lord Jesus. "The Grace from the Flame of Love of 'My Mother's Immaculate Heart' will be to your generation what Noah's Ark was to his generation". [Our Lord to Elizabeth Kindelmann]. Our Lady reveals that she gained from her Son "an outpouring of graces so great that they have not existed since the "Word became Flesh." This is Her Flame of Love bursting forth from her Immaculate Heart by which she will Blind Satan. When we say the prayers in the Flame of Love Devotion, it will Blind Satan and souls will not be led into sin. These prayers are Powerful! We are asked to pray and fast and do Holy Hours to combat evil. As a result, many souls will be released from Purgatory.

The Flame of Love Devotion consists of—A teaching on the Flame of Love and the Devout Life, Prayer Intentions: for Our Priests, the Dying, the Souls in Purgatory, to protect Religious Freedom in our country and for your own intentions, also the Holy Rosary.

We would like you to join us for an hour and bring a friend.

Please contact Catherine Hansen at 570 226-9281 for any questions or email bvmjes07@gmail.com.

*And some seed fell on good soil,
and when it grew,
it produced fruit a hundredfold.'
After saying this, he called out,
"Whoever has ears to hear
ought to hear".*

Luke 8:8

Eucharistic Adoration

Could you not spend one hour with Me?

Matthew 26:40

Eucharistic Adoration is the act of worshiping God as He is present in the consecrated Eucharist. Since the Last Supper, when Jesus broke the bread and distributed the wine saying "This is my Body" and "This is my Blood" we know that the bread and wine are no longer merely baked wheat and fermented grape juice but the actual living Presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

"Of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the sacraments, the one dearest to God and the one most helpful us," [St. Alphonsus Ligouri, and Italian Bishop and Doctor of the Church]. "adoration of the blessed Sacrament is important and becomes an inexhaustible source of holiness. It is pleasant to spend time with Christ, to lie close to His breast like the beloved Disciple and to feel the infinite love present in His heart." [St. John Paul II]. You can speak to Jesus, aware that you are in His Presence and tell Him what is in your mind. Listen for His Response. St. Louis de Montfort used to stop into Church often, sometimes before and after school, and say a prayer before the Blessed Sacrament [he was a French Roman Catholic Priest and Confessor]. It is good to spend time, an hour, in the Lord's Presence. He waits for us patiently to visit Him. Jesus says: "Come to Me all you who labor and are burdened and I will give you rest." There have been many Eucharistic Miracles over the years, as proof of Jesus' Real Presence in the Blessed Sacrament. Please join us for an hour to make Reparation to our Lord, for the Sins of the world.

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Daily Rosary

*"For where two or three are gathered in my name,
there am I in the midst of them."*

Matthew 18:20

We come together every weekday morning before Mass and Saturday before Liturgy of the Word to say the Rosary for an increase in vocations, the end to abortion and personal intentions. Please join us when you can.

The repetition in the Rosary is meant to lead one into restful and contemplative prayer related to each Mystery. The gentle repetition of the words helps us to enter into the silence of our hearts, where Christ's spirit dwells.

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The ARK Charismatic Prayer Group

‘With God all things are possible.’

Matthew 19:26

In February 1967, about 15 Duquesne University students and several professors attended a retreat. Everyday in Chapel, in addition to attending Mass, praying, hearing teachings and spending quiet time, they prayerfully recited the “Veni Sancte Spiritus” (Come, O Holy Spirit, Come) and from your celestial Home shed a ray of light divine! You of Comforters the best, you’re the soul’s most welcome guest... our in-most being fill In your seven-fold gift descend...”. Before the Retreat ended their prayers were answered and they experienced a powerful sense of the Lord’s presence and the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Thus, the Catholic Charismatic Renewal was born. Thereafter, prayer groups were formed throughout the country and internationally whose main focus was Jesus and whose purpose was to build up the Body of Christ by praying and sharing together. In his address to the Catholic Charismatics gathered in Rome in 1998, Pope John Paul II affirmed the Renewal with these encouraging words; “Open yourselves docily to the gifts of the Spirit and accept gratefully and obediently the charisms which the Holy Spirit bestows on you.”

By praying for the release of the Holy Spirit, it is our desire to assist anyone seeking a deeper relationship with Jesus through participation at our prayer meetings where we worship and praise God, read scripture, pray for our personal needs, the needs of the Parish and intercede for the needs of others.

Call us if you are looking for a closer walk with the Lord; peace in your life, comfort in distress, or want to grow in your faith.

We would like you to come to one of our meetings [three is preferable] and avail yourself of this ministry.

We meet every Wednesday evening.

If you are interested in attending a meeting or would like more information and/or directions please call John Russell at 570 685-7834.

*“Come after me,
and I will make you
fishers of men.”*

Matthew 5.19

The Altar & Rosary Society

The Rosary Altar Society was founded in the fifteenth century by Alan del la Roche, a Dominican Friar. On October 2, 1898, Pope Leo XIII issued the apostolic constitution on the Most Holy Rosary (Ubi primum) containing the laws, rights, and privileges of the Confraternity. It states that the Confraternity was instituted so that the faithful, united in fraternal charity by the prayer of the Rosary, may praise and honor the Blessed Virgin and secure her patronage. The Rosary Confraternity has spread throughout the Catholic world, including the United States, where it exists in many parishes under the title of Rosary Altar Society. Although men and children may be enrolled and enjoy all the rights and privileges of the Confraternity, in the United States the parish Rosary Altar Society restricts its membership to women. Since the time of Alan del la Roche, the Confraternity has been the primary means of propagating devotion to the Rosary, and has raised the Rosary from a form of private prayer to that of shared or common prayer. “For whenever a person fulfills the obligation of reciting the rosary according to the rule of the Confraternity, he includes in his intentions all its members, and they in turn render him the same service many times over” (Ubi primum)

The primary purpose of the society is to praise and honor the Blessed Virgin Mary and to secure her patronage by the recitation of the Rosary for the mutual spiritual benefit of all its members throughout the world, and to promote and aid the parish spiritually by performing activities for the care and well being of the Church, as well as cultivating camaraderie within our Parish Family and Community. At Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Peace and St. Veronica’s Parish every registered active member of our parish is eligible for membership by returning the Altar & Rosary Society annual dues envelope .

We look forward to seeing you and planning activities and “fun” fundraisers for the coming year. Regular monthly meetings are scheduled on the second Sunday of each month after the last Mass in the morning in the Parish Hall.

Please call Marge Unflat at 570 685-7878 for more information, to answer any questions or to become a member.

*.....and she exclaimed with a loud cry,
“Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb!”*

Luke 1:42