



Our Lady of the Assumption

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OFFICE HOURS

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri
9:00 am - 1:30 pm
Afternoon—by appointment only
Closed Wednesday

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 4:00 pm - Lucernemines
Saturday 6:00 pm - Coral
Sunday 9:00 am - Coral
Sunday 11:00 am - Lucernemines

**Sanctuary Lamp for
April 16 to April 30 burns
in memory of
Michael & Pauline Gatskie
By The Gatskie Family
(Coral)**

**&
In honor of Julie Carr by
Jenny Farabaugh & Family
(Lucernemines)
Host in honor of
Altar-Rosary Society
(Lucernemines)**

'Be the Light' with 2021 Diocesan Lenten Appeal

Thank you to those who have already taken the opportunity to "Be the Light" for their faith community by donating to the 2021 Diocesan Lenten Appeal. Even a small gift can make a big difference. Throughout the Easter season, we are reminded that Christ is the light in our lives. Our diocesan target is \$48,768 and we have received \$55,298. The 2021 Diocesan Lenten Appeal is an opportunity to "Be the Light" for those in need. If you haven't made your gift to the 2021 Diocesan Lenten Appeal, you should have received a mailing this week. As we celebrate his joy and resurrection during this Easter season, please consider placing your pledge card in the collection basket or making your gift online at www.DiocesefofGreensburg.org/BeTheLight.



St. Joseph Candle Burns for

Penner Tuscano

By

**Jody Tuscano
(Lucernemines)**

&

**James Ulicny & Joseph
Mitchell**

By

**Greg & Chris Mitchell
(Coral)**

May 1, a Day for St. Joseph, the Worker



Dear Parishioners,

The **first day of May** once commemorated the advent of a **milder, gentler season of each year**, with pre-Christian cultures all across the northern hemisphere decking themselves and "May Poles" out in flowers and greenery. With lively music and bright costumes people danced around the May Poles in celebration of the reawakening of life after long winter somnambulance. **Understandably, the most northern climates produced some of the most raucous observances, complete with lots of sexual innuendo as if everyone was awakened from a Rip-Van-Winkle type of sleep.**

However, in 1856 a group of stone-masons, construction workers, in Australia protested long hours of labor at low wages in favor of an eight-hour workday; their protest inspired sympathetic strikes, especially one memorable one held in **1886 in Chicago on May 1** where a protest for workers in Haymaker Square turned deadly when thirty-eight civilians and seven police officers were killed. Later some of the rioters were arrested, charged, and tried in a hasty manner and several were executed. **An international labor movement** meeting in Paris identified **May 1 as a day to stand for and with laborers** who drive the engines that drive world economies and world governments. Appeals were made to true democracy and to the social conditions under which ordinary persons labored. Marxism grabbed on to the energy for improvement of people like factory workers, manufacturers, miners, and general laborers to urge worker citizens to upset the social order to provide equally for all. While Marxism rightly rejected greedy wealth made on the backs of the poor, Marxism also rejected God.

While all of this happened, **Catholic-Christians rediscovered the labor, the work, done by Jesus, his foster father, and his family.** Wishing to stand squarely with ordinary people who work hard for themselves and their families, Catholic thinkers found ample **reason in the Bible to stand for and with those who toil and labor.** They read the references to Jesus as a carpenter or as the son of a carpenter with a **new respect for wearisome work.** More so, Catholics began to **identify with Joseph** as a man with tools, a worker. If **Jesus labored on behalf of his family, and if Jesus learned skills from Joseph, should contemporary Catholics look down upon honest work?**

Reflections developed **further**, however, **to begin to accept that assigning all work to the punishment for rejecting God in Paradise ("by the sweat of your brow") misses another aspect of labor** that **raises human activity to an essential service to others and to a co-creative activity with the God who worked for humans so that God rested on the seventh day.** In a way at once graced (**like a new gift from God to humanity**) and remarkable (**as a discovery of an aspect of our life with God always already present**), we Catholics paused to honor both the humble ones who work with their hands and the ones who serve with their minds and talents and skills. "Labor saving" describes more than smart tools, pointing also to what might bring us to greater self-respect and to an owning of God-given and person-developed ways of making our way through this world while on our way to God.

St. Clare of Assis told her sister that our labors here are brief while our rewards are eternal. Pope Francis adds that **our work is fundamental to human dignity.** Thank St. Joseph for his work for and with Jesus.

Faith Formation Schedule April/May 2021

4/25 K-5 from 9:30-10:30am
Grades 6-7 and Youth Group from 5:30-7pm

5/2 K-5 from 9:30-10:30am

5/9 K-5 from 9:30-10:30am
Grades 6-7 and Youth Group from 5:30-7pm

5/16 K-5 from 9:30-10:30am

5/23 K-5 from 9:30-10:30am
Grades 6-7 and Youth Group from 5:30-7pm



The Diocese of Greensburg Office of Faith, Family, and Discipleship invites you to “Beloved”. We recognize that young women’s lives are incredibly busy and weighed down by the stress of school, athletics, friends, family issues, insecurities, and so many other things. Open to young women in grades 8-12, our upcoming virtual retreat “BELOVED” is a time for young women of God to stop, put down the craziness of their lives, be reminded of their belovedness, and be refreshed in the Lord. Register now.

Registration link:

<https://wiu7.zoom.us/j/9114567890>



Youth Group members enjoyed an evening full of fun, food, and friends on April 18th! There was something for everyone whether it was volleyball, kickball, rock painting, or making kites! Special thanks to Terri Tedeschi, and Irene and Mike Grimes for their assistance! Stay tuned for information on upcoming social events to be scheduled throughout the summer!



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For Sale

The Christian Mothers have microfiber cleaning cloths for sale at \$5 each. If interested, call Jackie at 724-549-8119.



Mark Your Calendars

Our Lady of the Assumption Parish will be having a take out lasagna dinner on Friday, May 14th from 3:00 to 7:00 PM. The cost of the dinner is \$10.00 and includes lasagna, salad, bread and a dessert. We will need volunteers to help with the preparation before and the day of the dinner. Contact 724-459-8977 if you are able to help.

Diocesan Lenten Appeal as of 04/13/2021		
Goal	Pledged/ Received	Percent
\$48,768.00	\$55,998.00	114% 263 donors

APRIL 17/18, 2021	OFFERTORY
Adult Offertory	\$4,491.00
Loose Offertory	\$90.00
Children's Offertory	\$3.00
Votive Candles	\$147.00
Maintenance	\$146.00
Easter Flowers	\$10.00
Catholic Accent	\$9.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$25.00
Communications Media	\$10.00
Holy Thursday	\$80.00
Good Friday	\$85.00
Easter	\$290.00
Ascension	\$10.00
Online Diocesan-March	\$490.00
WeShare—March	\$2,890.00
Cemetery	\$119.00

MASS INTENTIONS



For April 24 to May 2, 2021

SATURDAY, APRIL 24— Lucernemines

3:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

Anticipated Mass— Fourth Sunday of Easter

4:00 pm Mass—+Barbara Bearer (Monica Rura)
(Lucernemines)

6:00 pm Mass- +Frank & Donna Galasso
(Coral) (Galasso Family)

SUNDAY, APRIL 25- Coral

Fourth Sunday of Easter

9:00 am + JR Reed (Wife, Marianna)
(Coral)

11:00 am Pro populo
(Lucernemines)

MONDAY, APRIL 26—NO MASS

Easter Weekday

TUESDAY, APRIL 27 - Coral

Easter Weekday

8:00 am Birthday Blessings—Katalina Kuroishi
(Family)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28 – Coral

*Saint Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr, Saint Louis
Gregnion de Montfort, Priest*

8:00 am +Verna Luscia (Husband & Daughters)

THURSDAY, APRIL 29- Coral

*Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the
Church*

8:00 am - +Eleanor Hirko (The Christian Mothers)

FRIDAY, APRIL 30 - Coral

Saint Pius, V, Pope

8:00 am - +August “Goose” Vilcek (Family)

SATURDAY, MAY 1—FIRST SATURDAY

8:00 am Mass- +Mary Herman (Joe & Joy Canton)
(Lucernemines)

3:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

Anticipated Mass—Fifth Sunday of Easter

4:00 pm Mass - +Elvira Martini (Daughter, Mary)
(Lucernemines)

6:00 pm Mass- +Lee Ann Angelini (Mary Ann
(Coral) Angelini)

SUNDAY, MAY 2-

Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:30 am- Sacrament of Reconciliation

9:00 am - Pro populo
(Coral)

11:00 am- Mike & Irene Grimes
50th Wedding Anniversary
(Children & family)

(Lucernemines)