



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 Candle

The week of Feb. 19 to Mar. 5
Burns in memory of
Doug Smith
By
Mom & Dad
(Lucernemines)
&
Brian M. Gatskie
By
Mother Patricia Gatskie Call
(Coral)



Our parish like so many parishes in the Diocese of Greensburg, took faith formation online during the pandemic so that the next generation of Christ's Disciples could continue on their journey of faith. Donate to the BE THE LIGHT campaign to support God's work being done in the Diocese of Greensburg. Visit www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/BeTheLight.

St. Joseph Candle

The St. Joseph Candle was lit last week in memory of Carl W. Yarchak by Mary Kay Yarchak (Coral)

This week it is in memory of George Voytek by Cindy & Georgette & families (Coral)

&

This week
In honor of John Albert Pavlik
By
Fr. John
(Lucernemines)

Lenten Series

7 pm

February 24th

Pardon My Lenten Smile
Sr. Edie Strong
Sisters of Charity-Seton Hill

March 3rd

Caregiving (tentative)

March 10th

Taize Prayer (tentative)

March 17th

St. Joseph and St. Patrick
(Youth Presentation)

March 24th

Bereavement (tentative)



A Courageous International Lenten Pilgrimage

Dear Parishioners,

As focused as we all have been in Indiana County on working towards mass vaccinations to protect one another from Covid-19 infections and on sharing our personal concerns for friends, family members, and parishioners afflicted with the virus, we may have missed hearing that Pope Francis took two bold steps in the last two weeks to bring healing to a world divided and burdened.

In a video recording broadcast on the internet from the Vatican, Pope Francis honored the Egyptian Coptic men martyred on the seashore of Lybia by Islamic extremists, members of ISIS six years ago. The world saw photographs and videos of men in orange garb lead by men in black who carried razor sharp swords. The Pope called these Christian men "courageous brothers" for whom he thanked God because their witness resounded throughout the world as they confessed Jesus Christ as Lord. The execution of these men because they were Christians sparked such outrage as to shake the extremist movement in Islam and reveal its brutal, demonic, unholy, and inhuman spirit.

Reaching out to the ancient Coptic Christian Church in Egypt, the Pope expressed gratitude to that Church for raising up these young men with faith in Jesus as the Christ and as the only Savior of the world. Francis went on to thank God for making these men strong in their faith as a clear witness to all of us. Then, the Pope, with tenderness, thanked the mothers who had nurtured faith throughout the short lives of these young men, lives in which being a Christian was always ridiculed and challenged.

Earlier this month Pope Francis announced that he intends to visit the ancient Christian Church in Iraq to honor those who have lived since the time of the apostles believing in God's Son in Jesus, the Christ. This venerable Church sprang from the communities of faith established in ancient Syria. Meeting with Church leaders from Iraq, the Vatican announced that Francis would confer not just in the capital Bagdad, but also on the Plains of Nineveh, at Qaraqosh, where one of the most ancient Christian settlements has resisted time and again every effort to eradicate the faith. Before ISIS attacked them, Christians there numbered 1.5 million. After those brutal and barbaric attacks only 250,000 Christians remain. Francis wishes to honor those who remain and to give hope to them for their future so that they know that we are "All Brothers and Sisters Together." Francis sees himself as a pastor to these ones who suffer.

A week after the Pope's announcement, the Iraqi government announced a closing of all mosques and churches because of the spread of the Covid-19 virus. The Vatican is working closely with both civil and ecclesial leaders in Iraq so that all may travel and visit safely. Francis wants to be a messenger of God's love and of the peace God wishes so that all may co-exist. He also plans to visit the ancient city of Ur from which Abraham departed to become the source of faith in One God, thus in Monotheism for Jews, Christians, and Muslims.

Please pray for our Chief Pastor as he prepare to undertake perhaps the most dangerous Papal Visit ever.

With the announcement, parishioners have stepped up their efforts to rebuild their 2,200-seat church built in 1930s by the parishioners but desecrated, vandalized, and burned by Islamic extremists in recent years. With hope and gratitude, they are painting the blackened interior in which they have been worshiping since stability returned to their region. Recently, the people rejoiced to see their bell tower rebuilt, including the placement of an image of the Virgin Mary at its pinnacle.

Faith Formation Schedule February/March 2021

2/28 K-5 from 9:30-10:30am

3/7 K-5 from 9:30-10:30am
6-7 and Youth Group from 5:30-7pm

3/14 K-5 from 9:30-10:30am

3/21 K-5 from 9:30-10:30am
6-7 and Youth Group from 5:30-7pm

3/28 K-5 from 9:30-10:30am

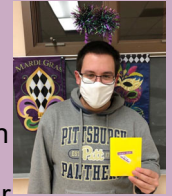


Youth Group members Caleb Palmer, Kevin Plowcha, and Beth Shirley collaborated on a special project for our elementary students: constructing a puppet theatre! The first presentation is scheduled for late March as we prepare to share the story of the Resurrection through storytelling and puppetry! Thanks for a job well done!



Mardi Gras Royalty

As part of our Lenten activities, students prepared Alleluias to be buried until Easter, and celebrated Mardi Gras in hopes of claiming the title of Mardi Gras King or Queen for this Lenten season. Special thanks to Irene Grimes for donating the bags of snacks for all of our students, and to Mary Kay Yarchak for donating gift cards for our Mardi Gras Kings for 2021: Tyler Henry (elementary) and Kevin Plowcha (Middle School/Youth Group).



Please Use Assigned Envelopes

Please use your assigned envelopes when giving/sending your church donations. If you don't give your envelope with your donations, the counters must write out an envelope which includes your name and address, and they must look up your envelope number. A separate envelope must be made for each category for which you are donating (Offering, Cemetery, Maintenance, etc.). Not only is this time consuming, but it increases the opportunity for mistakes.

If you are donating once a month, you only need to give one envelope with a check or cash for the total amount. It is OK to give one check for multiple donations as long as you include the envelopes for each category. You can clip/staple them together or stuff them into one of the envelopes. The only exception is that you cannot include a Mass, candle, or Diocesan Lenten Appeal on the offering check, these requests must be separate. Thank you for helping us ensure that your donations are correctly recorded.

Effective Immediately

Any organization that requests an insert put into the bulletin must make arrangements to come in to the office on a Friday morning and insert the material into the bulletin. We normally have volunteers insert these, but with inclement weather or their own personal commitments, it is not fair to ask them to come in. With a small staff, limited hours, and usually one person doing the inserting, it takes away from parish duties. This does not apply to articles that are printed directly in the bulletin, only to separate inserts.

Online Collections For January

Diocese (online) - \$ 410.00
WeShare - \$ 2,290.00

02/13-02/14,2021	OFFERTORY
Adult Offertory	\$5,341.00
Loose Offertory	\$207.00
Children's Offertory	\$3.00
Votive Candles	\$69.75
Maintenance	\$300.00
Catholic Accent	\$9.00
Mission Co-op	\$20.00
Home Missions	\$30.00
Eastern Europe	\$205.00
First Offering	\$31.00
Ash Wednesday	\$220.00
Cemetery Collection	\$203.00

FEBRUARY 20/21, 2021	OFFERTORY
Adult Offertory	\$3,349.00
Loose Offertory	\$106.00
Children's Offertory	\$3.00
Votive Candles	\$113.67
Maintenance	\$33.00
Mission Co-op	\$10.00
Home Missions	\$407.00
Central Europe	\$30.00
Ash Wednesday	\$180.00
Cemetery Collection	\$35.00

Diocesan Lenten Appeal as of 02/23/2021

Goal	Pledged/ Received	Percent
\$48,768.00	\$5,668.00	11% 10 donors

MASS INTENTIONS



For February 27 to March 7, 2021

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27 – Lucernemines

3:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
Anticipated Mass– Second Sunday of Lent
4:00 pm +Donald Potts
(Lucernemines) (Barbara & Gary Welsh)
6:00 pm +Mary Gribus
(Coral) (Mark, Vreonica & Bryn Buzi)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28 - Coral

Second Sunday of Lent
9:00 am +Agnes Chutorich (Jerry Chutroich & family)
(Coral)

11:00 am Pro populo

MONDAY, MARCH 1—NO MASS

TUESDAY , MARCH 2- Coral—Lenten Weekday

8:00 am +James Solo (William Solo)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3 – Coral-Lenten Weekday

8:00 am +John Popp (Brandi, Lisa & Mary Ann)
7:00 pm– Lenten Presentation—TBD (Coral)

THURSDAY, MARCH 4- Coral-Lenten Weekday

8:00 am - +Fr. Reginald Russo (Suffragia)

FRIDAY, MARCH 5- Coral—Lenten Weekday-

First Friday
8:00 am - +Stanley J. Lucas (Wife, Anna Mae Lucas)
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
11:30 am Confessions
12:00 pm Benediction

The following services at Lucernemines:

6:00 pm– Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
6:30 pm– Confessions
7:30 pm Stations of the Cross & Benediction

SATURDAY, MARCH 6

3:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
Anticipated Mass–Third Sunday of Lent
4:00 pm Mass - Pro populo
(Lucernemines)
6:00 pm Mass- Health & God's Blessings for
(Coral) Kristie Garma (Carole & Amy Zicha)

SUNDAY, MARCH 7-

Third Sunday of lent
8:30 am- Sacrament of Reconciliation
9:00 am - In honor of Eleanor Hirko's 91st
birthday (Family)
(Coral)
11:00 am- +Richard Englert (James & Denise
(Lucernemines) Pencola)