



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

For March 5 to March 19

Buns in honor of the Altar-Rosary
Society (Lucernemines Church)

&

Father John & Joe Petruna

By

Carole & Amy Zicha
(Coral Church)

**St. Joseph Candles burn this week
for:**

Duane Smith by Family
(Lucernemines)

&

Andrew Drahnak by Ann & Paul
Esachina
(Coral)



The Roman Catholic Churches of Uniontown raised money to pay for food boxes and helped to distribute them at Uniontown Mall. They usually distribute 150 Thanksgiving baskets. This year, they helped nearly 600 families. Donate to the BE THE LIGHT campaign to support God's work being done in the Diocese of Greensburg. Visit www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/BeTheLight.

UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION

Please help us to keep your information current! If you have a change in telephone number, address, or if a family member has relocated to a nursing home, please let us know. This helps to avoid returned correspondence from the parish or diocesan offices. Also, if you are aware of any parishioner that may have left our parish and joined another, please have them inform the parish office.

Parish Office Closing Early on Monday, March 15th.

The parish office will close PROMPTLY at 1:30 pm on Monday, March 15th so that the staff may participate in the Stations of the Cross at the Coral Church with Bishop Kulick at 2:00 pm.

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How is Lent Going?



Dear Parishioners,

By the time we read this reflection we will have been in the thick of Lent for **nineteen days**. Some who compute the days of our commitment to Lent point out that we do not count Sundays and others point out that Lent concludes as the three most sacred days of our calendar begin on Holy Thursday, with the commemoration of the Lord's Supper or Last Supper of Jesus with the apostles. **We keep these days to keep the memory of the Lord Jesus right before our minds' eyes.** Every day when we pray at Mass, we hear Jesus' reminder to "do this in remembrance of me," and we reply with one of three acclamations to say that, until Jesus appears before the world in the glory he shares with God the Father, we **will proclaim his death and his resurrection** again and again. The proclamation continues for us and for others.

In Lent, remembering that Jesus' death directs us in the midst of our ordinary life **to look beyond the momentary to the fulfillment of God's promises to us:** accept that God wishes us to be with him; that our lives find meaning in the love and the work of Jesus with us; accept that only Jesus can raise us up by cancelling out all our momentary or deep-seated "escapes" from God.

So, how is this **prelude to the promised springtime** in our lives going? **How about fasting and abstinence?** In our Ash Wednesday scriptures, the prophet Isaiah told us that God looks for a fasting from all that escapes God's direction. The discipline of accepting holiness requires that we fast from, hold back from good things to accept the better and the best that God holds out to us.

Because our parishes have eastern European roots, it is customary here to come to one of the churches on **Holy Saturday** with a **festively decorated basket filled with foods**. The foods prepared were largely ones from which our ancestors abstained during Lent: butter; richly decorated eggs; baked ham; sausages; sweet breads and pastries. Other items in the basket pointed to the signs of rebirth internally and externally: green boxwood sprigs on the basket; a candle often anchored in the bread; salt to remind us to be salt in our exchanges with others; horseradish to keep before us the memory of the bitter sufferings of Jesus to free us. The aroma of these delicious foods over-power even the sweetly fragrant lilies but seem right for a moment that draws us to God's great work of Salvation.

When first ordained, I ministered in a parish where we determined to keep Fridays of Lent simple by holding a **"Meager Meal"** of breads and soups. All soups had to be free of meat because on Fridays in Lent Catholics abstain from meats. The soups our parishioners brewed were succulent and the breads they brought were freshly baked, some still warm from the ovens. Anyone in the parish was welcomed to the church hall for the repast. We looked forward to this meal and searched hard to identify its meagerness. We did rediscover companionship with friends and fellow disciples. Did the people Jesus fed "on the hillside and the plain" with meager barley-breads and fish experience something of the same?

In a time when the weekly *Accent* invites us to visit fund-raising fish fries all over the Diocese and when our neighboring parishes send us detailed menus to entice us, we might **renew our resolve to fast and abstain from what creates distance from the Lord.** We might also resolve to accept the **reconciliation God works for us with one another.** In the meantime, think about the basket of blessings you will bring to the church on Holy Saturday that you may rejoice in God's goodness in Christ.

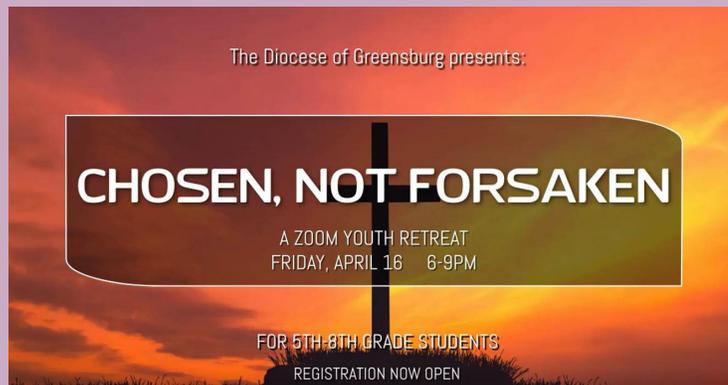
Faith Formation Schedule March 2021

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



FREE ZOOM RETREAT
for students in grades 5-8.

Three service learning hours available
for students in grades 6-7 toward
Confirmation requirement.

[Register here:](#)

uiw7.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMuf-GgrDgtHtEZ8mpNq61t9f_5rKRwWtdj

Virtual Retreat sponsored by
Diocese of Greensburg

Easter Flower Donations

Your generous response to our Easter flower collection is once again counted on for the coming celebration of the Easter Season.

Donations may be made in memory or honor of loved ones, to be acknowledged in a future bulletin insert (unless you notify Connie that you do not want your "in honor of" or "in memory of" intentions known). To defray costs, minimum offerings are \$10 for a lily, mum or equivalent plant; \$20 for a double lily or equivalent plant; and \$30 for a triple lily or equivalent plant. Larger contributions may also be made toward the cost of paschal candle flower rings and other fresh arrangements. As always, donations of any amount will be greatly appreciated to cover other supplies (greens, fresh flowers, etc). When filling out the information on your envelope for flower donation memorials, please keep in mind:

- Print all information clearly using capital letters.
- Memorials for no more than two families *or* two individuals will be printed in the bulletin for each \$10 donation.

Thank you in advance for your support of this collection to help us move forward into the beauty of spring and Easter Joy!

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 (Offertory, 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 offertory check, these requests must be separate. Thank you for helping us ensure that your donations are correctly recorded.

Diocesan Lenten Appeal as of 02/23/2021		
Goal	Pledged/Received	Percent
\$48,768.00	\$21,498.00	44% 80 donors

FEBRUARY 27/28, 2021	OFFERTORY
Adult Offertory	\$4,513.00
Loose Offertory	\$253.00
Children's Offertory	\$3.00
Votive Candles	\$138.00
Maintenance	\$162.00
Catholic Accent	\$7.00
Flowers Collection	\$45.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$5.00
Home Missios	\$45.00
Eastern Europe	\$5.00
Ash Wednesday	\$372.50
Cemetery	\$55.00

MASS INTENTIONS



For March 6 to March 14, 2020

SATURDAY, MARCH 6

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 7 - Coral

Third Sunday of Lent
9:00 am (Coral) In honor of Eleanor Hirko's
91st Birthday
(Family)
11:00 am (Lucernemines) +Richard Englert
(James & Denise Pencola)

MONDAY, MARCH 8—NO MASS

Saint John of God, Religious

TUESDAY , MARCH 9- Coral

Saint Frances of Rome, Religious
8:00 am +James W. Donahue
(Wife, Tieng)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10 – Coral

Lenten Weekday
8:00 am +Angelo & Mary Lorelli
(Toni, Fred & Family)

THURSDAY, MARCH 11- Coral

Lenten Weekday
8:00 am - +Deceased of the Kmets Family
(Neighbor)

FRIDAY, MARCH 12- Coral

Lenten Weekday
8:00 am - +Deceased of the Guerrieri Family
(Lou & Betty Guerry & family)

The following service are at Lucernemines:

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 13 -

3:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
Anticipated Mass—Fourth Sunday of Lent
4:00 pm Mass - (Lucernemines) +John Popp, Jr.
(Jack & Janice Bell)

6:00 pm Mass-(Coral) +John & Ann Luksich
(Son, John Luksich, Jr..& granddaughters)

SUNDAY, MARCH 14-

FOURTH SUNDY OF LENT
8:30 am- Sacrament of Reconciliation
9:00 am (Coral) Pro populo

11:00 am (Lucernemines) +Robert & Amy Dettorre
(Brandi Rankin)