



# Our Lady of the Assumption

A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg  
A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust



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## PARISH OFFICE

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## OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday  
9:00 am - 1:00 pm—Walk-in  
1:00 pm– 2:00 pm—Lunch  
2:00-4:00 pm—By appointment

## SUNDAY MASSES

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

Schedule for daily Masses, Holy Days, & other services can be found inside.

**The Sanctuary Candle for  
November 12 to November 26  
Burns in memory of  
Sam, Margaret, & Roseann  
Rura  
By  
Monica  
(Coral)  
&  
Zoltan & Pauline Bodnar  
By  
Children  
(Lucernemines)**

## Help Wanted!!

The Altar-Rosary Society is hoping to make pierogis the last two weeks of February in time for Ash Wednesday. Several volunteers are needed to make this a success. A planning meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 1 at 6:00 pm at the Lucerne church hall. Please plan to attend so we can move forward with this project. If you can help, call Sara at 724-479-9645.

## Early Bulletin Submission

From now until the end of the year, all of our bulletin deadlines will be a week to two weeks earlier than usual. Please have all bulletin articles to us NO LATER THAN two weeks BEFORE the bulletin date in which the article is to appear. Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.



## Fundraising New Year's Cash Ticket

Our parish is selling a New Year's Cash ticket for \$5.00 each. Each of 5 winners will receive \$500.00 the week of January 3 through the 7th. These make wonderful stocking stuffers for Christmas. We will be selling them after some of our Masses. We also need individuals to take 10 or more tickets to sell. Contact the office if you are able to sell some tickets for our parish. 724-479-9542, ext. 10.

## Clearances

Anyone planning on returning to volunteer or minister, must have updated clearances. Please contact the parish office to verify that your clearances are up-to-date. 724-479-9542, ext. 10.



## Christ Our King: Thanksgiving, and Beginning Again

Dear Parishioners,

Writing this reflection, I am recalling that post-World War II era song from *Holiday Inn* with a catchy melody, **"I've Got Plenty to Be Thankful For."** Crooner Bing Crosby sang it with warm affection. Are as grateful for the little things that Crosby noted?

What should you and I bring to God in thanksgiving, the events and the experiences for which real, **honest Christians wish to give thanks? What's on your list this year?** Devoting a few moments to those thoughts, I think I see some categories over which to ponder spiritually before Christ our King and in the spirit of national thanksgiving.

Ministerially speaking, when I arrived a year and five months ago, I found a **community of Catholics functioning regularly despite the numerous setbacks suffered** from living with something not faced in the living memory of most: a wide-spread, uncontrolled (then), virus that threatened imminent death to those who contracted it. Those who participated in church witnessed to a driving **importance of maintaining real contact with one another and with the Lord at a time** when even young people contracted the disease and passed. New to this scene both as an individual and as a pastor, **I came away quite impressed with our people.** As the medications and procedures for dealing with this scourge increased both in numbers and in effectiveness, more of our people ventured out for Mass. **Your intention "to be there" safely, despite limitations** imposed externally and internally, also struck me and **convinced me that priests and ministers and families in past years had planted faith deeply here.**

**"October counts," that yearly Catholic pastoral practice of counting persons attending each Sunday of October,** reveal that before **our parish,** that is, **Our Lady of the Assumption,** endured the loss of a fulltime pastor, approximately 570-600 persons were attending Mass on a weekend. After the priest shortage reduced the parish to sharing a pastor with St. Thomas More, **200 persons disappeared** from the regular Mass count as Masses were reduced from three to two, and as scheduled times for those Masses became less enticing, so that approximately 350-375 people attended Mass on a weekend. When Covid struck, and when we were able to resume public worship, **eventually about 200** persons attended or participated in Mass on a weekend. Our **latest count shows** that we have **largely regained an additional 100+ persons attending.** I use approximations here because attendance can vary from one week to another, depending on the latest variant virus threat and on family and group activities. **Still, for the witness and the stamina of so many of us, I, and we, give thanks.**

**Personally speaking,** I give thanks that you have welcomed me here. After residing twenty-five years in dense urban populations where anonymous groupings seemed to be preferred, I find it **refreshing to be among people who know one another and family interconnections,** and **who honor one another with clever, descriptive, nicknames** that perdure from youth to old age. **I also see here a generosity to assist and to serve one another** along with a willingness to welcome strangers and newcomers.

Finally, I suppose I must **give thanks for the situations that challenge me as a pastor and you as faithful Christians here:** we have members who have borne the yoke of Jesus and pulled long and steadily. We benefit immensely from their labors. Sadly, we have bid farewell to too many members who have either gone to be with the Lord or who have moved to be within reach of children and grandchildren. **Losing valued members due to aging, death, or departure means we always must regroup our efforts anew.**

In preparation for a **2023 International Synod on Synodality,** that is, on Being Church with one Another, Pope **Francis wants even us** on a local level to **encounter, reflect, listen, and discern with one another.** The Holy Spirit will not desert us but will teach us how to be the latest manifestation of God's Word in this part of Indiana County.

**FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER**

All sessions will take place in Podowski Hall at the Lucernemines worship site.

**Grades PreK-5 will meet from 9:45-10:45am.**

**Grades 6-8 and additional Youth Group (grades 9-12) will meet from 5:30-7pm.**

November 21<sup>st</sup>

Grades PreK-5

Grades 6 and 7 plus additional Youth Group (grades 9-12)

Note: 8<sup>th</sup> grade will have Confirmation practice at 2pm at Sts. Simon and Jude Parish

November 28<sup>th</sup>

No sessions: Have a blessed Thanksgiving!

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**Adult Bible Study: *Living in the Power of the Holy Spirit***

The final session for Adult Bible Study will be held on Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup> for this particular topic.

Identical sessions will be held at 9am in the Coral Social Hall,

and 7pm in Podowski Hall in Lucernemines.

Stay tuned for information on future sessions after the holidays.

Many thanks to all of the participants for their interest and enthusiasm!

**Please help keep us current.**

If you have moved, changed your address or phone number, please call the parish office at 724-479-9542, ext. 10 so that we may correct this in our database. This will help ensure that you receive information from the parish or the diocese. We appreciate your help in keeping us current!

**Koeze Nut and Candy**

Looking for a last minute Christmas gift? The Christian Mothers have a few extra Koeze nut and candy items left to sell. If interested, call Jackie at 724-549-8119.

**Volunteers Needed**

Volunteers are needed to put to put inserts into the bulletin usually every Friday morning between 9 am and 11 am. If you are available to help with this, please contact the parish office. The clearances must be up-to-date. Please contact Connie in the parish office if you are available to help.

**Sanctuary Candles & Hosts**

At the current time we cannot accept requests for sanctuary candles. There were so many requests that the calendar needs updated. The available weeks will be published in a future bulletin. Sponsors in memory or honor of someone are still available at both sites.

**Ministry Schedule January 15 to May 8, 2022**

We will begin working on the ministry schedule for January 15 to May 8, 2022. Please have all changes, Mass preference, time you cannot serve, etc. into the office NO LATER than December 3, 2021.

No changes will be honored after this date. Clearances must be up-to-date. Clearances are good for five years and everything except the PA Mandated Reporter must be renewed. Please remember if you cannot serve at your scheduled time to secure a substitute. Thank you.

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

The parish office will be closed on Thursday, November 25 & Friday November 26 for the Thanksgiving holiday. Please note on the Mass page— There will be a 7 pm Mass on Wednesday, November 24 for Thanksgiving and no Mass on Thursday, November 25.



**Advent Regional Penance  
Services**

**Monday, Dec. 6 - St. Thomas More  
University Parish, Indiana, 7 PM**

**Monday, Dec. 13 - Church of the Good  
Shepherd, Kent, 7 PM**

**Tuesday, Dec. 14 - Our Lady of the  
Assumption, Lucernemines Site, 7 PM**

**Thursday, Dec. 16 - St. Ambrose,  
Avonmore, 7 PM**

**Thursday, Dec. 16 - Holy Family,  
Seward, 7 PM**

**Saturday, Dec. 18 - St. Bernard of  
Clairvaux, Indiana, 10 AM**

**Monday, Dec. 20 - Church of the  
Resurrection, Clymer Site, 7 PM**

**Tuesday, Dec. 21 - SS Simon & Jude,  
Blairsville, 7 PM**

**\*Please note: all services are at 7 PM  
with the exception of Saturday, Dec.  
18, which is at 10 AM - Also, there will  
be no 3 PM Confessions that day at  
Our Lady of the Assumption.**

**DUE TO AN EARLY BULLETIN  
SUBMISSION THE OFFERTORY FOR  
NOVEMBER 13/14  
WILL APPEAR IN A FUTURE BULLETIN  
Diocesan Online—10/23-10/31 -\$60.00**

**Annual Slovakian 'Stedry Vecer' Dec. 5 at  
Christ Our Shepherd Center**

The George Onda District of the First Catholic Slovak Union will host its annual "Stedry Vecer" Sunday, Dec. 5, at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg. The evening will begin with 4 p.m. Mass celebrated by Bishop Larry J. Kulick in the chapel. The traditional Slovak Christmas Eve dinner will follow. Door prizes will be awarded, and the Pittsburgh Slovaks will perform. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$10 for children ages 3-10. Tickets are limited; reserve by Nov. 23 by visiting [www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/slovakdinner](http://www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/slovakdinner) so ticket information can be sent to you.

## MASS INTENTIONS



*For November 20 to November 28 , 2021*

### **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20**

3:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

Anticipated Mass—Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

4:00 pm +Frank Arone (Sam & Betsy Arone)  
(Lucernemines)

6:00 pm Mass Pro populo  
(Coral)

### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21**

#### **OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

8:30 am- Sacrament of Reconciliation

9:00 am +Aldo & Katherine Tedeschi (Tom & Terri)  
(Coral)

11:00 am+Stephen Harshyne (Mike & Linda Baran)  
(Lucernemines)

### **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22—NO MASS**

### **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23- Coral**

*Saint Cecelia, Virgin and Martyr*

8:00 am+ Fr. Regis Scanlon (Suffragia)

### **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24— Coral**

*Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs*

8:00 am +John “Slugger” Golba  
(George & Nancy Nadzadi)

7:00 pm+Joe Gonda  
(Colette Cipollini & Pablo Moncada)

### **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25 –NO MASS**

*Thanksgiving Day*

### **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26 - Coral**

8:00 am+Marcy Horchar (Veronica, Mark & Bryan Buzi)

### **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27**

3:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

Anticipated Mass—First Sunday of Advent

4:00 pm -Deceased Family & Friends  
(Gary & Barbara Welsh)

(Lucernemines)

6:00 pm Mass +Bob Schyer (Friends, Becky & Terri)  
(Coral)

### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28—**

#### **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

8:30 am- Sacrament of Reconciliation

9:00 am - +Marcella Fetchko (Husband, John)  
(Coral)

11:00 am- Pro populo  
(Lucernemines)