



# Our Lady of the Assumption

A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg  
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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.

**October 29 to November 12**  
**Sanctuary Candle burns in**  
**honor of St. Joseph**

**By**  
**Rosalie Adamson**  
**(Coral)**

**&**  
**In memory of**  
**Kathy Pedaci Kemp**

**By**  
**Bernadette Palchesko**  
**(Lucernemines)**

## 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.

## Altar-Rosary Society Christian Mothers Christmas Party 2021

The Altar-Rosary Society & Christian Mothers will hold their 2021 Christian Mothers annual Christmas Party on Sunday, December 5, 2021, 12:30 to 3:30 pm, Rustic Lodge, La Prima Room, Indiana, PA. Cost is \$18 per person and guests are welcome. Forms can be found in each church. Reservations are due by Sunday November 14th. Envelopes are provided at both churches and the parish office for reservation drop-off.

## Fundraising New Year's Cash Ticket

Our parish will be 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 and at our November 2nd Italian dinner. 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.



## Coffee & Donuts

Please join us for coffee and donuts after the 9 am Mass, Coral Hall and the 11 am Mass, Lucerne Church Hall on November 7, 2021.



## A Little Bit about Purgatory

Dear Parishioners,

In November each year we Catholics think about the **four last things, death, judgement, heaven, hell.** In thinking about dying, we remember our loved ones, family members, acquaintances, colleagues, and friends who have died and we face our own mortality, the inevitable truth that **"I, too, shall die."**

**So what just what do we mean when we say that Catholics believe in purgatory?** Is purgatory in the Holy Scriptures? Or, have we created another spiritual state in which we might be saved from hell?

To be clear about this teaching, **Purgatory is not a "get out of hell" card, but a "get into heaven" card.** That is, while we are alive, before we die, **we must choose God** and choose to accept Jesus as the Father's revelation to us. However, with these words, that choice might sound to be like a formula, rather than **a real relationship with a Father who loves his creation.**

Purgatory **admits two aspects of God** that we will encounter. The **first aspect** holds **us enthralled** because **God seeks us and welcomes us in and through Jesus**, who taught us that God is our Father and that we should think of God that way. In Jesus we find living food "come down from heaven" to sustain us. Read St. John's Gospel in Chapter 6 to learn of the **nearness of God** and of **our relationship in response to this living love for us.** The **second aspect** leads us to a **fearsome awe, respect, and honor** for God, **flowing out of the glory and power and transcendence of God.** Read in the Book of Revelation about the visions which John, the evangelist, experienced both about Jesus as the new, eternal Passover **Lamb**, once sacrificed but now beautiful, comely, regal, reigning and about **God ruling our world from an other-worldly, ethereal throne.** For us the only right approach to God in this second aspect occurs with deep humility that recognizes the unworthiness of anyone to put himself or herself before God.

See, Catholic thinking and teaching about purgatory holds that accepting us after death through Jesus' work to bring us to the Father, **many of us, if not most of us, will need to be purified, purged, refined, polished by God's work in us.** In short, yes, we accepted Jesus and rejoiced in being saved by God, but no, **much of who we are will experience some purification of "unfinished business," or of further, deeper reconciliation or of deep forgiveness that echoes within us.**

**How quickly can God purify us?** God being all-powerful, **God might work very quickly**, even "in the twinkling of an eye." **Humans being human**, however, **we might be the ones orchestrating the delays;** how swiftly will we allow the penetrating love of God to probe within us and to extricate the consequences of our sins that malformed us, the effects of which continue long after we have repented? **Often enough our sins have touched us across the family and community lines. No wonder our community of faith sees this as a communion of suffering?**

Especially this month, let's unite our family of faith by **requesting the Mass be dedicated to and celebrated for our loved ones who have passed so** that the power of Jesus' saving act might directly touch our dear ones who have died, to immerse souls in the one great act of Salvation in the Cross.

## **FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER/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 7<sup>th</sup>

Grades PreK-5

Grades 6-8 and additional Youth Group (grades 9-12)

November 14<sup>th</sup>

Grades PreK-5

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!

### **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!

### **Sanctuary Candles/Hosts**

All dates for sanctuary candles for 2021 have been filled. We do not have any weeks left. You may request for 2022, but please be aware that you may not get the exact dates you are requesting. The response to this has been overwhelming and we thank you for that. You may schedule hosts at anytime, we have quite a few weeks open.

### **Second Collection Next Weekend –November 13/14**

*Dear Parishioners: This year, the Diocese of Greensburg has invited the Diocese of Ipil, Philippines to participate in the Diocesan 2021 Missionary Cooperation Plan. In the name of the Diocese of Ipil with Bp. Julius Tonel, our most sincere appreciation to Bp., Larry Kulick, Bishop of the Diocese of Greensburg and your pastor, Fr. John Pavlik for giving us the opportunity to share our Mission Story in our Diocese in the Philippines. Looking forward to seeing you on November 13 and 14 in your weekend Masses.*

*In Christ, Fr. Elmer Alforque*

### **Millions in Catholic school tuition assistance available**

SPREAD THE NEWS! The 12 Diocese of Greensburg Catholic schools now have millions of dollars in tuition assistance available! Become a TOP Student today. Visit [www.CatholicSchoolsGuide.org](http://www.CatholicSchoolsGuide.org) or call 724-552-2565.

### **Registrations accepted for formation courses**

Registrations continue to be accepted for the fall 2021 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level I Formation Course being offered at St. Thomas More University Parish, Indiana. The course begins Nov. 20. For information, visit

[DioceseofGreensburg.org](http://DioceseofGreensburg.org), and click on "Catechesis of the Good Shepherd" under the Ministries tab, or see the rotating panel on the Diocesan home page, or contact Mary Beth Palko at [mpalko@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:mpalko@dioceseofgreensburg.org) or 724-463-2277.

## **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.**

| <b>OCTOBER 30/31, 2021</b> | <b>OFFERTORY</b> |
|----------------------------|------------------|
| Adult Offertory            | \$4,959.00       |
| Loose Offertory            | \$175.00         |
| Children's Offertory       | \$3.00           |
| Votive Candles             | \$182.00         |
| Maintenance                | \$34.00          |
| St. Vincent de Paul        | \$10.00          |
| Mission Co-op              | \$25.00          |
| Poverty Relief             | \$20.00          |
| Retired Religious          | \$30.00          |
| All Saints                 | \$445.00         |
| Thanksgiving               | \$45.00          |
| Cemetery                   | \$50.00          |

## MASS INTENTIONS



*For November 6 to November 14, 2021*

### **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6-**

8:00 am+Dorothy Morrow (Niece, Diana & Ron Kabo)  
(Lucernemines)

3:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

Anticipated Mass—Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary  
Time

4:00 pm+Zolton A. Bodnar (Family) (Lucernemines)

6:00 pm Mass- Pro populo (Coral)

### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7-**

#### **THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

8:30 am Sacrament of Reconciliation

9:00 am+ Deceased of the Rudolph & Clara Rura  
Family (Monica Rura)

(Coral)

11:00 am- +Jim Rankin (Brandi Rankin)  
(Lucernemines)

### **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8 —NO MASS**

### **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9 - Coral**

*The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica*

8:00 am +Marcella Horchar (Greg & Chris Mitchell)

### **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10 – Coral**

*Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church*

8:00 am +LaRue Terloin (Helen Flickinger)

### **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11 - Coral**

*Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop*

8:00 am+Richard Englert (Jenna Bender)

### **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12 - Coral**

*Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr*

8:00 am+Rose Vilcek (Family)

### **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13 -**

3:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

Anticipated Mass—Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary  
Time

4:00 pm In honor of Mary Capitosti (Family)  
(Lucernemines)

6:00 pm Mass Pro populo (Coral)

### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14**

#### **THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

8:30 am- Sacrament of Reconciliation

9:00 am Living & Deceased of the Mlinarich Family  
(Coral) (Gert Mlinarich)

11:00 am+Doug Smith (Mom & Dad)  
(Lucernemines)

*Host this week is in memory  
of J.R. Reed  
By Marianna  
(Coral Church)*