



# 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.

**Sanctuary Candle for  
September 17 to October 1  
Burns in memory of  
Clyde Gasperi  
By  
(Daughter Cindy Olechovski)  
(Lucernemines)  
&  
Rose Vilcek  
By  
(Marianna Reed)  
(Coral)**

## Second Collection

Next weekend is the *Seminarian and Clergy Formation Collection* throughout the Diocese of Greensburg. Please prayerfully consider making a financial gift in support of our Seminarians, men who are preparing for the Permanent Diaconate, the ongoing formation of our clergy and our International Priests. Please respond using the tear-off portion of the letter that was mailed to you, an envelope that was in the Accent magazine, a special collection envelope in your envelope set from the parish, or online at [www.dioceseofgreensburg.org](http://www.dioceseofgreensburg.org). Also, please support the seminarians and clergy of our diocese by your prayers as they *Grow in the Lord*.

## SACRAMENTS

### Baptism:

All arrangements, including confirmation of the date, must be made with the parish office.

Sponsors must provide proof of eligibility by a letter from their respective pastors, must have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Communion and Confirmation. Sponsors, if married, must either be married in the Church or with the Church's permission. Parents must attend Baptismal Preparation, which is regularly scheduled throughout the year.

### Marriage:

Arrangements must be made directly with the pastor at least 6 months before the date of the wedding. Marriage preparation is required and couples are asked to speak to the priest first before setting a date. Couples, rather than parents, should contact the priest. If either party was previously married, an annulment must be granted prior to the selection of a future wedding date.



## Growing in Grace

Dear Parishioners,

In sharing Franciscan spirituality, I learned that some of the most enduring and vibrant characteristics of life lived in the Holy Spirit according to the experience and the choices of St. Francis of Assisi require explanation, at least the first few times. For example, people attentive to the workings of God in St. Francis refer to events, attitudes, and examples like "the Fioretti," or "**Little Flowers**" in often humorous yet poignant witness to taking the Word of God seriously. Or a term like "**Chapter of Matts**" signifies an unencumbered encounter with honest dialogue about what's most basic. Or "**Perfect Joy**" describes an ability to not give in to disappointment about how one might be treated, even to the point of remembering God's choice for us when others reject us. Or "Portiuncula" refers to a "**Little Portion**" both as a small place for great, big, good things to happen. No, I do not intend to write about Franciscan spirituality here, even though it's one of the major spiritual rivers within Christianity. Instead, as I reflect on these matters, it seems to me that that **Catholics, indeed, all Christians frequently employ terms** for which an uninitiated person needs both a dictionary and an explanation if the fuller significance is to be known and shared.

**What about the word "grace"?** Watching one memorial service for the twentieth anniversary of 9/11, I heard a small choir, a schola, sing that hymn sung so often at solemn, sad events, "**Amazing Grace.**" Even though we use the word grace generically to describe ourselves at our best in a variety of ways, as Catholic Christians use the term, we mean what apostles and ancient teachers, or "doctors" of the faith, meant: **grace is a spontaneous, free gift from God. Grace takes the form of divine favor, love, clemency, and a share in the divine life of God.** One contemporary Christian says that **grace is the core, the central revelation, of the Bible.** In other words, this believer says the Bible, the Holy Scriptures, reveal to us the promises God made to us in Jesus the Christ: **the most beautiful attribute or characteristic of God is that God seeks those who have not sought him so that they may return to what they were made to be.**

In descriptive, poetic language, "Grace is the **love of God shown to the unlovely; the peace of God given to the restless; the favor of God to the unmerited.**" American Catholic Trappist monk Thomas Merton taught his fellow monks and us: "Grace is not a strange, magic substance which is subtly filtered into our souls to act as a kind of spiritual penicillin. **Grace is unity, oneness within ourselves, oneness with God.**"

A great teacher for ordinary believers of the ways of living a spiritual life, Saint Francis de Sales, taught that "The greatest security we can have in this world *that we are in the grace of God*, does not consist in the feelings that we have of love to Him, but rather in **an irrevocable abandonment of our whole being into His hands**, and in a firm resolution never to consent to any sin great or small." The founder of the Society of Jesus, Ignatius of Loyola, wrote that "**Few souls understand what God would accomplish in them if they were to abandon themselves unreservedly to Him and if they were to allow His grace to mold them accordingly.**"

Amazing, isn't it, how generously loving God is!

Fr. John

**FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER**

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

Grades K-5 will meet from 9:45-10:45am

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

September 19<sup>th</sup>

Grades K-5

Grades 6-8 and Youth Group

September 26<sup>th</sup>

Grades K-5

**Adult Bible Study:**

*Living in the Power of the Holy Spirit*

Adult Bible Study sessions will continue to be held on the following Thursdays:

9/23, 10/7, 10/21, 11/4, and 11/18.

Identical sessions will be held at 9am in the Coral Social Hall,  
and 7pm in Podowski Hall at the Lucernemines site.

Light refreshments and writing materials will be provided.

Continue your Faith journey in the company of friends!

**Faith Formation 2021-22**

Registration information has been mailed out to all of our Faith Formation families.

If you did not receive this mailing, forms are available at both Parish sites and at the Parish Office.

The forms do not have to be returned until the first day of class on

Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>: **K-5 will meet from 9:45-10:45am and**

**Middle School and Youth Group (grades 6-12) will meet from 5:30-7pm.**

All students entering Kindergarten will need to pick up registration info  
at one of our Parish sites, call the Parish Office to have the info mailed to you, or register on the  
first day of class at Podowski Hall.

**Catechists for Faith Formation/Youth Ministry 2021-22**

Best wishes to the following catechists as we prepare to begin a new year  
of Faith Formation. Many thanks for their gift of ministry at our Parish!

Christina Bell (K), Irene Grimes (2<sup>nd</sup>), Lauren Kushner (6<sup>th</sup>/YM),  
Cindy Marcoline (5<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>/YM), Susan Plowcha (3<sup>rd</sup>), Terri Tedeschi (7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>/YM),  
Peggy Watkins (1<sup>st</sup>), and Mary Kay Yarchak (4<sup>th</sup>).

Special thanks to Mary Ann Ciranni and Janis Howard as substitute catechists.

*Loving Father,*

*Grant them Your wisdom that they may grow in the understanding and teaching of Your Word. Grant them Your love that they may be fruitful heralds of Your Word and lead others to love You. We pray this through Christ, our Lord.*

**OLOTA END OF SUMMER BASH**

Thank you to the overwhelming response from our parishioners for our basket raffle. We had 98 beautiful baskets that were donated. A special thanks to the volunteers who worked hard to prepare the food and to the volunteers who worked the day of our event. After expenses, we raised \$8,200.00 for our parish. It was wonderful to see our church community together again. Our next fundraising event will be our Italian dinner on Election Day. More information will be forthcoming closer to the date.

## Sanctuary Candles

There are no more sanctuary candles available for 2021, we do have host requests for Lucernemines that we can accommodate. Remember, if you have a host request for Lucernemines, it will be for two weekends, making it eight Masses. If you have a host request for Coral, it will be for one weekend and the four daily Masses. This is because it covers eight Masses in each church. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the parish office at 724-479-9542, ext. 10.



## Christian Mothers Koeze Nut and Candy Fundraiser

Koeze nuts and candies are of the highest quality and make great treats/gifts for Christmas, Birthdays, Thank you, etc. To place an order, call Barb 724-388-3758 or Irene 724-248-3465. Orders are due no later than Monday, October 25, 2021 and can be dropped off at the parish office from 9 am to 4 pm, Monday to Friday, please call ahead for afternoon drop off, or to the above named people.

## BAKE SALE AT HOODLEBUG

Thank you to the parishioners who donated baked goods and money to our bake sale. We had a very nice variety of goodies for sale.

SEPTEMBER 11/12, 2021	OFFERTORY
Adult Offertory	\$4,057.00
Loose Offertory	\$345.00
Children's Offertory	\$6.00
Votive Candles	\$96.00
Maintenance	\$285.00
Catholic Accent	\$20.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$5.00
Seminary Collection	\$5.00
Catholic University	\$10.00
Assumption	\$5.00
Cemetery	\$91.00

## MASS INTENTIONS

*For September 18 to September 26, 2021*



### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

3:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation  
Anticipated Mass—Twenty-fifth Sunday in

Ordinary	Time
4:00 pm +Monica Murray (Bernie, Pat, & Kathy) (Lucernemines)	
6:00 pm Mass+Victor & Teresa Yancy (Coral) (Grandson, Mark, Tami & Gabe)	

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19-

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30 am- Sacrament of Reconciliation  
9:00 am - Pro populo (Coral)  
11:00 am- +John Popp, Jr. (Jack & Janice Bell)  
(Lucernemines)

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20—NO MASS

*Saints, Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs.*

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 - Coral

*Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist*  
8:00 am +Anthony Borzcik (Family)

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 – Coral

8:00 am +Christine & Jack Zamberardi (Family)

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 - Coral

*Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest*  
8:00 am +JR Reed (Wife, Marianna)

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 - Coral

8:00 am +Marcella Horchar (Jerry & Cindy Bertig)

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 -

3:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation  
Anticipated Mass—Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary  
Time

4:00 pm +Clyde Gaspari (50th Anniversary) (Daughter, Cindy Olechowski)	
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(Lucernemines)  
6:00 pm Mass Pro populo  
(Coral)

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30 am- Sacrament of Reconciliation  
9:00 am - Living & Deceased of the Mlinarich  
(Coral) Family (Gert Mlinarich)  
11:00 am- +Karen Rankin (Brandi Rankin)  
(Lucernemines)

**Host for the week of September 19-24  
Is in memory of Goose Vilcek by  
Family  
(Coral)**