



Our Lady of the Assumption

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The Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God is a liturgical celebration observed on January 1st which falls exactly one week after Christmas, the end of the octave of Christmas. The Blessed Virgin Mary is honored as the Mother of God because she conceived and gave birth to Christ, who is the incarnation of God the Son, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity. It is fitting to honor Mary as Mother of Jesus, following the birth of Christ. When Catholics celebrate the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God, we are not only honoring Mary, who was chosen among all women throughout history to bear God incarnate, but we are also honoring our Lord, who is fully God and fully human.

PARISH OFFICE

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Friday
9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Closed 1:00 pm– 2:00 pm
2:00-4:00 pm

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 in this bulletin

Parish Website: www.olaparishpa.org

**The Sanctuary Candle
burns in memory of**

Gary M Welsh

by

Gregory Feltz

(Lucerne)

**Host is in memory & honor of
The Altar Rosary Society**

by

Mary Ann Ciranni

(Lucernemines)



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Yoga class on Tuesday, January 3rd and Tuesday January 10th are cancelled. Classes will resume on Tuesday, January 17th. Namaste

Widowed, Divorced, Separated? The loss of a spouse through death, divorce, or separation is a traumatic experience. The Beginning Experience© Pittsburgh Lay Apostolate will host a 1-day Saturday seminar, Coping with Life Alone-In the Beginning Program, intended to help widowed, divorced, or separated men and women work through their grief and begin to move forward with hope on their life journey. Please plan to join us Saturday, 4 February 2023 from 8:45am – 4:00pm. Fee is \$25.00 (beverages & lunch included). Location: St. John Capistran Church, 1610 McMillan Rd., Upper St. Clair, PA 15241. Register by February 1st at www.BeginningExperiencePittsburgh.com or make a confidential call to Kim at 412-352-2653 to learn more about this healing ministry.

Christmas Decoration Removal St. Francis & St Louis Cemeteries

If you wish to retain your Christmas decorations from your loved ones graves, please remove the decorations by February 15th. Anything left in the cemetery past that date, as a courtesy to you, will be discarded by cemetery staff. Thank you for your cooperation.

****End of year offertory and gifts** to be credited to 2022 tax year must be received at Our Lady of the Assumption by January 3, 2023. Anything received after this will be credited to the 2023 tax year.**

Be Our Light for the New Year

Come, Holy Spirit,
Spirit of the Risen Christ, be with us today and always.
Be our Light, our Guide, and our Comforter.
Be our Strength, our Courage, and our Sanctifier.
May this new year be a time of deep spiritual growth for us,
A time of welcoming your graces and gifts,
A time of forgiving freely and unconditionally,
A time for growing in virtue and goodness.
Come, Holy Spirit,
Be with us today and always.

- Author Unknown



Dear Parishioners,

1967 - 2023, 56 Years Seeking Peace

Happy New Year, 2023. Planning to eat right and to exercise more? Or, to learn more? Or, to spend quality time with family and friends? Or, what about a plan to brighten our spirits? In 1967 Pope Paul VI approved that each January 1, we Roman Catholics throughout the world would **devote our first worship at the Holy Eucharist to earnest intercession to God for transformation that leads men and women to peace that is not simply absence of conflict but devoted to right ways of acting and being with one another and with the Lord.** Even here in Indiana County we realize that this New Year begins with strong affronts to spiritual and physical transformation that might lead us to a greater sense of the peace of God. Pope Francis writes to us about this New Year in the same vein, identifying **one scar that still bleeds and another fresh, deep wound that harms and hurts**, the continuing plague of Covid 19 and the brutality of Russian aggression in Ukraine.

Francis says that **“When tragic events seem to overwhelm our lives, and we feel plunged into a dark and difficult maelstrom of injustice and suffering, we are likewise called to keep our hearts open to hope and to trust in God, who makes himself present, accompanies us with tenderness, sustains us in our weariness and, above all, guides our path”**. For this reason, Saint Paul constantly exhorts the community to be vigilant, seeking goodness, justice and truth: ‘So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober’ (5:6). His words are an invitation to remain alert and not to withdraw into fear, sorrow or resignation, or to yield to distraction or discouragement. Instead, we should be like sentinels keeping watch and ready to glimpse the first light of dawn, even at the darkest hour.”

Francis refers to Covid-19 as **a continuing plague** that **“plunged us into a dark night**. It destabilized our daily lives, upset our plans and routines, and disrupted the apparent tranquility of even the most affluent societies. It generated disorientation and suffering and caused the death of great numbers of our brothers and sisters.” **Three years later, the time is right to question, learn, grow and allow ourselves to be transformed as individuals and as communities; this is a privileged moment to prepare for ‘the day of the Lord.’** I have already observed on a number of occasions that we never emerge the same from times of crisis: we emerge either better or worse. Today we are being asked: What did we learn from the pandemic? What new paths should we follow to cast off the shackles of our old habits, to be better prepared, to dare new things? **What signs of life and hope can we see, to help us move forward and try to make our world a better place?”** The Pope believes that “after directly experiencing the fragility of our own lives and the world around us, we can say that the **greatest lesson we learned from Covid-19 was the realization that we all need one another.**”

Regarding the new war in Europe, our Chief Pastor says that together with all the other conflicts around the globe, the aggression in Ukraine represents a setback for the whole of humanity and not merely for the parties directly involved because “the virus of war is more difficult to overcome than the viruses that compromise our bodies, because it comes, not from outside of us, but from within the human heart corrupted by sin (cf. *Gospel of Mark 7:17-23*).”

Our prayers for Peace offered this weekend will ask for such healing that extends even into our private spaces, places, and relationships so that we “work for justice” as Paul VI once taught us to do.

Father John

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA/RCIA)

Next Session: Tuesday, January 2nd @7pm in Podowski Hall

Topic: Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism and Confirmation)

Faith Formation 2023

All sessions will be held in Podowski Hall at the Lucernemines worship site.

January 1st

No Sessions: Have a blessed New Year!

January 8th

9:30am-10:45am Grades K-5

5:30pm-7:30pm Grades 6-7 (plus Youth Group grades 8-12)

January 15th

9:30am-10:45am Grades K-5

Day of Service

January 22nd

9:30am-10:45am Grades K-5

5:30pm-7:30pm Grades 6-7 (plus Youth Group grades 8-12)

January 29th

9:30am-10:45am Grades K-5

Kneeling Santa Prayer

The sleigh was all packed, the reindeer were fed,
but Santa still knelt by the side of his bed.
“Dear Father,” he prayed, “Be with me tonight.
There’s much work to do, and my schedule is tight.
My sack will hold toys to grant all kids’ wishes.
The supply will be endless, like the loaves and fishes.
I can do these things, Lord, only through You.
I just needed your blessing, then it’s easy to do.
I do this only to honor the birth of the One,
that was sent to redeem us, Your most Holy Son.
So to all my friends, lest Your glory I rob,
please, Lord, remind them who gave me this job.”
Amen.



STUDENTS IN THE NEWS

Congratulations to **Mason Elkin** who was featured in the Hunters' Harvest segment of the Indiana Gazette for bagging an 8-pt. buck on November 28th.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: UPCOMING ENRICHMENT SERIES

Bible Basics for Catholics

by John Bergsma (author of Yes, There Is a God!)

Two identical sessions will be held on the following Thursdays:

1/19, 1/26, 2/9, 2/16, 2/23, 3/2, 3/9, and 3/16

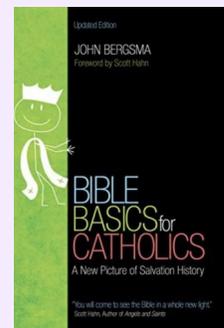
The morning session will be held immediately following the 8am Mass at the Coral Social Hall.

The evening session will be held in Podowski Hall at Lucernemines from 6-7pm.

Please note the time change on the evening session.

Resources and refreshments provided. Free will offering.

To register, please contact cmarcoline@dioceseofgreensburg.org or call the Parish Office at 724-479-9542, Ext. 15.



DEC 17 & DEC 18, 2022	OFFERTORY	
Adult, Loose, Children & Online Giving	\$13938.67	Mass Attendance
Votive Candle	\$123.00	Lucerne Dec 17, 4pm—98 Dec 18, 11am—70
Maintenance	\$195.00	Coral Dec 17, 4pm—98 Dec 18, 9am—101
Catholic Accent	\$29.00	
Flowers	\$575.00	
Cemetery	\$70.00	
Children/Family	\$130.00	
Retire Religious	\$50.00	Lucerne Dec 24, 4pm—250 Dec 24, 7pm—83
Poverty Relief	\$50.00	Coral Dec 24, 10pm-127 Dec 25, 10am –88
Solemnity of Mary	\$30.00	
Thanksgiving	\$50.00	
All Saints	\$20.00	
Immaculate Conception	\$135.00	
Christmas	\$1080.00	
Military	\$20.00	

CRS Spotlight This time of year, as we reflect on the migration of the Holy Family, we encourage you to say a prayer for families everywhere, especially those who are on the move, seeking safety. Visit www.crs.org to see how you can help!

Matters of Sexual Misconduct Information

If you have any suspicion about the sexual abuse (or any other type of abuse) of a minor child by anyone — please contact PA ChildLine immediately at 800-932-0313. If the alleged abuser is functioning in a parish, school or diocesan position as clergy, religious, paid staff or volunteer you are also requested to contact the Bishop's Delegate for Matters of Sexual Misconduct after you have called the ChildLine number and made the report. The Bishop's Delegate may be reached at 724-837-0901, ext. 1221.

Positions available at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg

Christ Our Shepherd Center, the Diocese of Greensburg's conference center and adjacent priests' retirement home, is seeking a full-time housekeeper. Duties include cleaning and laundry in retired priest apartments, cleaning and light custodial work in retreat center guest rooms, meeting areas and public spaces, and cleaning of offices. Hours are daylight Monday-Friday, with occasional weekend hours for event coverage. Competitive wage and attractive benefits package. Apply to HR@DioceseofGreensburg.org.

Card party set Jan. 18 at St. James Parish, Apollo

Saint James Parish, Apollo, will hold a card party in the activities center Wednesday, Jan. 18, at 6:30 p.m. Admission is \$5 per person (groups of four players). Games will include 500, Bridge, Cinch, Pinochle, Canasta and games of players' choice. Table prizes will be awarded, 50/50 drawings will be held and a cash kitchen window will be available. For information, call 724-882-8776.

MASS INTENTIONS



For December 31 thru January 8

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31

4:00 pm (Lucernemines) +Geneva Lazor (Patty & Mike Gaydosh)

6:00 pm (Coral) Pro Populo

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

10:00 am (Coral) +Marcella Horchar (Steve, Denise & family)

MONDAY, JANUARY 2- NO MASS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3- Coral

8:00 am +Mary Colench (Mary Kay Yarchak)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4- Coral

8:00 am +John Zometsky (Donna Zometsky & children)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5- Coral

8:00 am - +Susan Huerry (Don Lucia Family)

FIRST FRIDAY, JANUARY 6- Coral

8:00 am - +Toby Golba (John & Stella Yarkowski)

11:30 am - Confession

12:00 pm -Benediction

FIRST SATURDAY, JANUARY 7

8:00 am Lucernemines+ JR Reed (Marianna Reed)

4:00 pm (Lucernemines) +Robert Alexander (Agnes Elias & family)

6:00 pm (Coral) +David Stossel (Jerry & Mary Grace Neugebauer)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

9:00 am (Coral) Pro Populo

11:00 am (Lucernemines) +Veronica Nymick (Carol & Charlotte)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, January 7-3:00pm (Lucerne)

Sunday, January 8-8:30am (Coral)

