



Our Lady of the Assumption

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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

WEEKEND 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

John “JR” Reed

By

Julianne & Stephanie

(Coral)

The Host in memory of

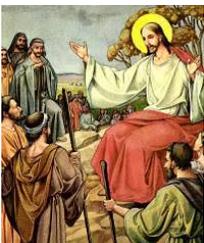
Julius & Elizabeth Manfredi

By

Fred, Toni & Family

(Coral)

Dennis Buggey



Matthew 5:1-12A: “Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.”



Daily manager specials will take place this week at the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store in Indiana. Come in to check out the clothing, games, CDs, and merchandise and see what is on special each day. Located in the BiLo Plaza on N. 4th Street, store hours are Monday thru Saturday from 10am to 2pm with donations accepted at the back door from 10am-1pm (as space permits)



Eucharistic Revival is a three-year process initiated by the USCCB to invite the faithful to reflect upon the mystery and meaning of the sacrament of the Eucharist in our lives. While much of year one involves providing devotional and formational opportunities for parish and Diocesan staff, you, too, can be a part of Eucharistic Revival right now! Visit the Diocese of Greensburg Facebook page every Thursday to participate in a Faithful Challenge, and hopefully you will feel yourself growing in a relationship with Christ. Visit the Eucharistic Revival resource page at DioceseofGreensburg.org/EucharisticRevival for videos, prayers and gathering dates. Consider Bishop Kulick's invitation to become an intentional disciple this year!

January Prayer

God of all life, Help us to appreciate the great gift that is human life formed in your image, a reflection of your holiness. Help us to recognize you in all whom you have created: children not yet born, families affected by poverty and war, people of different abilities, people from other lands, and all who are victims of hatred and racism. Help us to bear witness to the dignity of all whom you have created, regardless of stage of life, or wealth, or ability, or color, or creed, for every person is fully equal in your loving eyes. Share with us your holy knowledge that we are all your children, each bestowed with inherent dignity. May your justice reign forever! Amen. — USCCB

Coffee & donuts will be served at Coral after the 9 a.m. mass on Sunday, February 5. Please come join us! (Weather permitting)



The Central & Eastern European Collection will take place the weekend of February 4th and 5th. Thank you for your generosity.



Dear Parishioners,

45 Years & Counting: Because you kindly asked

Question: Were you, Fr. John, in fact ordained to the priesthood on January 28?

Answer: Yes, I was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Vincent Leonard of the Diocese of Pittsburgh at the Capuchin church of St. Augustine in Lawrenceville, Pittsburgh, on a very cold and snowy morning on January 28, 1978.

Question: Isn't the typical time for a priestly ordination in May or June? Or at least in warm months of the year?

Answer: Typically, priests were ordained at the completion of their studies and most courses of study at seminaries concluded in May or June. So, yes, summer ordinations were frequent, as also were ordinations in the autumn. In the late 1970s, when a candidate completed his studies, there seemed to be no compelling reason to wait for a more optimal moment.

Question: So, why were you ordained in the depth of winter instead of in warmer weather?

Answer: Three out of four of my classmates chose to be ordained together. We had all completed our studies and assignments and had earned our graduate degrees in theology (Master of Divinity or Master of Arts in Theology). Our fourth classmate completed his degree work earlier and petitioned to be ordained with one other fellow (not a classmate) a bit earlier, in early autumn.

Question: But why in January?

Answer: We had been ordained deacons together in January at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in 1977. Immediately afterwards, we received full-time placements for almost a year to serve as deacons in parishes where we exercised the ministries proper to deacons: lots of preaching; many baptisms; some weddings; youth ministry of various form; catechetical formation and teaching; visiting of homebound and distribution of Holy Communion to the sick; as well as learning the ordinary ministry that happens in any Catholic parish.

Question: So you completed your studies and your term of service as a deacon by January? Does that explain everything?

Answer: Not quite. In my case, an additional reason determined our choice, and it concerned the untimely serious illness and subsequent death of my mother, Rose, who passed away after a purse snatching triggered a cardiac reaction two months to the day before January 28. Prior to that date, my classmates and my Capuchin superiors in a show of solidarity had chosen to delay our ordination until my mother might recover from a stroke suffered earlier in my diaconate year. At first, we thought that mom might be well enough in the autumn to proceed; later we determined to delay until January. This fraternal support for me and my family was much appreciated. In seminary formation, our families had become quite close to one another.

Some further threads to this weaving: Because he had known me since I served for a Confirmation with him when I was in sixth grade, and because I had studied for our Diocese, and because of the genuinely good pastor that he was, our second bishop, Bishop William Connare stood with me and my family throughout our time of trial. And, isn't it telling that later in my priesthood, I am serving in the Diocese where I first responded to Jesus' invitation to serve Him and where the Bishop hoped I would serve?

So, as this 45th Anniversary passes, please know that I am grateful to you for this blessed opportunity to minister among you after so many years in which the Lord and His Church called forth other gifts for ministry. God is good and not to be outdone in his kindness. Priesthood has been a great gift God entrusted to me. Real joy comes of serving the Lord.

Fr. John

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA/RCIA)**Next Session:** Tuesday, January 31st @7pm in Podowski Hall**Topic:** "The Miracle Box" (Reconciliation)**Faith Formation 2023***All sessions will be held in Podowski Hall at the Lucernemines worship site.***January 29th**

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

9:30am-10:45am Zoom session on "Introduction to the Holocaust"
Hosted by Dr. Shannon Phillips-Shyrock (IUP) for Youth Group (grades 6-12)**February 5th**

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

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

February 12th

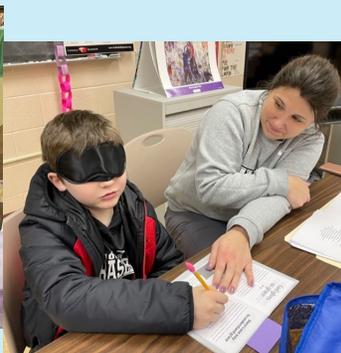
9:30am-10:45am Grades K-5

4pm-5pm Fr. Joe Tuscan's presentation to our Youth Group (Grades 6-12)**February 19th**

No sessions are scheduled for President's Day weekend.

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: 2/9, 2/16, 2/23, 3/2, 3/9, and 3/16**Please note: NO sessions will be held on February 2nd.**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. Resources and refreshments provided. To register, please contact cmarco@dioceseofgreensburg.org or call the Parish Office at 724-479-9542, Ext. 15**SAVE THE DATE: Fr. John's 45th Ordination Anniversary**On Saturday, January 28th, we will hold a reception for Fr. John's 45th ordination anniversary immediately following the 6pm Mass in the Coral Social Hall. All are welcome!**Outreach Update**

Please contact the Parish Office if either you or a loved one has recently become homebound or a resident at a nursing home so that we may update our records in order to keep in touch!

YOUTH GROUP REMINDER (Grades 6-12)There will be a special Zoom Session on Sunday, January 29th from 9:30am-10:45am in the Resource Room at Podowski Hall focusing on an **Introduction to the Holocaust**. Dr. Shannon Phillips-Shyrock from IUP will be facilitating the presentation. Refreshments will be provided.**Sacramental Prep Workshop**Second grade students participated in a workshop for their First Reconciliation focusing on "The Prodigal Son." Families were involved in discussions and activities related to forgiveness. Our next workshop ("The Ten Commandments") will be held on Monday, February 6th from 6-8pm in Podowski Hall. Please keep Addison Alexander, Mila Romanish, and Nate Rowland in your prayers as they continue to prepare for their First Reconciliation on March 6th.

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE DIOCESE

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KNOW HIM: The Last Supper and the Gift of the Eucharist, set for Thursday, March 9, at 2 and 6 p.m. at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg. This experiential event, part of the Diocese of Greensburg Eucharistic Revival efforts, begins with a prayer service led by Bishop Larry J. Kulick followed by a keynote address regarding the gift of the Eucharist from Monsignor Raymond E. Riffle, Vicar General of the Diocese of Greensburg and Rector of Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg. Afterward, attendees will make their way through the rooms at Christ Our Shepherd Center for an unforgettable Eucharistic journey. One room will feature a life-sized print of The Last Supper mural created by Italian Renaissance artist Leonardo da Vinci, along with an explanation of its scriptural nuances from art historian Liz Lev, a former didactic consultant for the Vatican Museums. Another room will feature Monsignor Michael J. Begolly, Pastor of Mother of Sorrows Parish, Murrysville, discussing his recent pilgrimage to the Holy Land and preparing to receive the Eucharist. Father Christopher J. Pujol, Parochial Vicar of Blessed Sacrament Cathedral Parish, will lead a discussion and demonstration in another room about the significance of washing feet. Bishop Kulick himself will discuss the bread of life and the symbolism of Easter bread while guests sample paska bread. This event is free of charge as part of the Diocese of Greensburg's Eucharistic Revival efforts. Seating is limited. The public is welcome. Visit DioceseofGreensburg.org/EucharisticRevival to register.

THE WELL, Diocesan Men's Conference, planned March 25

Men in the Diocese of Greensburg are invited to get out of their comfort zone and make Catholicism a way of life at "THE WELL – BE NOT AFRAID," the Diocesan Men's Conference, Saturday, March 25 at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg. It will be a day of inspiring speakers, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation and Mass celebrated by Bishop Larry J. Kulick. Cost is \$50 and includes lunch. Scholarships are available through the Diocesan Francis Fund. Register now at DioceseofGreensburg.org/TheWell.

Challenge Yourself to Be an Intentional Disciple! Commit to offering up a small part of yourself each week to bring your heart closer to Christ.

January Challenges focus on ways to become a pro-life example in our community:

- Reach out to someone who is sick or homebound. Send a card, call or text them. It's an opportunity for you to show them the mercy and compassion of Christ by letting them know that they are not forgotten.
- Say a prayer for the most vulnerable in our community. Ask the Lord to provide them with his abundance as they face their daily struggles.
- Say a prayer for a world where every life is celebrated, valued and protected.
- Reach out to our parish office and learn how you can use your gifts to serve as a minister to the homebound, or donate to a parish ministry that serves a need in your faith community.

The Knights of Columbus, Council 10960 proudly present: A Knight at the Races #3. Our annual fundraiser will be held on Saturday, February 18, 2023 at the Indiana PA FOE. Doors open at 6 pm. Racing starts at 7 pm. \$25 ticket includes buffet meal and refreshments. Sponsor a horse for \$10 and if your horse wins it's race, you win \$50. Fun, food, fellowship!! Basket raffles, door prizes, a great evening out for the adults. All monies are used for the charitable works of the Knights of Columbus. Contact any Knight for tickets. Norb Rayko 724.422.1533 or nmrayk@hotmail.com

MASS INTENTIONS

For January 28 thru February 5



SATURDAY, JANUARY 28

4:00 pm (Lucernemines) +Robert Alexander (Ralph & Janet May)
 6:00 pm (Coral) +Mildred Dechman (Fred & Toni Manfredi)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

9:00 am (Coral) +John A Pavlik (Holly Donahue)
 11:00 am (Lucernemines) ProPopulo

MONDAY, JANUARY 30 - NO MASS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31-Coral

St John Bosco, Priest
 8:00 am +Betty Guerry (John & Edna Fuge)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1- Coral

8:00 am +Jean Blakely (Betty Guerry)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2- Coral

The Presentation of the Lord **Blessing of the Candles (Candlemas)**
 8:00 am - +Isabel Silveri (Gertrude Mlinarch)

FIRST FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3- Coral

St Blaise, Bishop & Martyr & St Ansgar, Bishop **Blessing of the throats**
 8:00 am - +David Stossel & Rudy Stossel (Therese Griffith & family)
No Adoration, Reconciliation or Benediction

FIRST SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

No 8:00am Mass

4:00 pm (Lucernemines) +Joe & Theresa Huseonica (Ed & Patty Gulakowski)
 6:00 pm (Coral) ProPopulo

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

9:00 am (Coral) +Veronica Nymick (Cindy & Jerry Bertig)
 11:00 am (Lucernemines) +Barbara Battestilli (Mary Capitosti)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, February 5-3:00pm (Lucerne)
 Sunday, February 6-8:30am (Coral)

Correction-the mass for last Thursday was in memory of Bernie Murray

JAN 21 & 22, 2022	OFFERTORY	
Adult, Loose, Children & Online Giving	\$5564.32	Mass Attendance
Votive Candles	\$121.00	
Maintenance	\$90.00	Jan 21, 4pm—86
Catholic Accent	\$76.00	Jan 22, 11am—85
Mission Co-op	\$85.00	Coral
Home Missions	\$20.00	
Eastern Europe	\$75.00	Jan 21, 6pm—65
First Offering	\$65.00	Jan 22, 9am—123
Solemnity of Mary	\$20.00	
Ash Wednesday	\$20.00	
Cemetery	\$55.00	