



Our Lady of the Assumption

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The Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Savior of the world. The great feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (magi) from the East, together with his baptism in the Jordan and the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee. In the magi, representatives of the neighboring pagan religions, the Gospel sees the first-fruits of the nations, who welcome the good news of salvation through the Incarnation. The magi's coming to Jerusalem in order to pay homage to the king of the Jews shows that they seek in Israel, in the messianic light of the star of David, the one who will be king of the nations. Their coming means that pagans can discover Jesus and worship him as Son of God and Savior of the world only by turning toward the Jews and receiving from them the messianic promise as contained in the Old Testament
- Catechism of the Catholic Church

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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

Frances Voytek

By

Cindy, Georgette & Families
(Coral)

John Zicha

By

The Zicha Family
(Lucernmines)

Host in memory of

John Zicha

By The Zicha Family
(Lucernemines)

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, February 18, 2023
A Knight at the Races #3

Contact any brother Knight for tickets and for more information. Also the Knights are accepting basket donations.

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.

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



Today the Church celebrates the **Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord**. "The Lord and ruler is coming; kingship is his, and government and power." With these words the Church proclaims that today's feast brings to a perfect fulfillment all the purposes of Advent. Epiphany, therefore, marks the liturgical zenith of the Advent-Christmas season. — Pius Parsch



O God, who on this day revealed your Only Begotten Son to the nations by the guidance of a star, grant in your mercy that we, who know you already by faith, may be brought to behold the beauty of your sublime glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

There will be a Pierogi Planning Meeting on Tuesday, January 17 at 1:00 p.m. in the Lucerne church hall.

We hope to see all who are interested in any capacity. You must have clearances to participate.

Plans are moving forward to tackle this project the week of February 18.

**Brief and Precious**

Dear Parishioners,

On Monday evening, January 2, after spending part of the holiday preparing a New Year's meal for the St. Bernard Capuchins, and following an extended, relaxing round of conversation at the table in Lucerne, and a quick clean-up, I decided to rest awhile by getting comfortable in the living room with the **Monday Night Football game**. No sooner had I settled in for the game between the Bengals and the Bills, then Bills' player, twenty-four-year-old Damar Hamlin, collapsed after tackling a Bengals' player. **If you watched the game or viewed the replays you may be as amazed as I am by what transpired.**

Hamlin comes from western Pennsylvania, from McKees Rocks; attended high school at Central Catholic in Pittsburgh; and graduated from the University of Pittsburgh. Dropping back to the turf after arising from the tackle, Damar **suffered a cardiac arrest** (not a heart attack). Emergency medical staff immediately applied CPR while athletes and coaches looked on helplessly but not hopelessly. The **stadium quickly slipped** from the boisterous enthusiasm of major league football **to piercing silence**. All eyes focused on the staff and fellow team mates assembled around Damar; men in full game uniform were visibly moved and showed care for one another; **even the Sports' commentators had nothing to say except that the game didn't matter at this moment when the life of a young athlete and good, generous man hung in the balance.** "The game didn't matter."

The moment seemed to be a **revelation** to women and men at the stadium and beyond **of how fragile, fleeting, and delicate human life is**. American football prides itself on being a tough, manly sport that wants to **advise playing through the pain**. Monday night the play stopped abruptly. In a country and a society that often trips over denial of God and of transcendence and of purpose, even the electronic announcement boards asked everyone **to pray for Damar**. People watching in the stands found the images of **players kneeling in prayer** a powerful witness to what really matters. **One reporter wrote that he came away from the thirty-minutes before the ambulance left for the hospital with a sense of "how brief and precious life is."**

As I write this, the NFL reports two things: that Damar is still in ICU in critical condition, and that this match important to playoff standings will not be rescheduled for this week. Other reports say that a charity to help children which Hamlin had begun and to which he had contributed generously, was discovered by many persons who sent contributions in his honor.

People are speaking of this as **an unprecedented event**. The New Year began with a good young man struck down in his prime; with team-mates supporting him and one another; with a secular nation calling upon Divine power and presence; with a reassertion that football amounts to athletic entertainment and we take it too seriously; with the fun of male-play sandwiched between pushing the limits and discovering the hard, the fast, and the impenetrable walls that many do not discover until at a later moment in life.

With **so many thousands praying at the same time and for the same purpose, God visited** the game on Monday night and **hung around for a while**. Amazed? Whether or not this 24-year-old resumes major league play or not, or whether or not he finds complete healing from his injuries, **something unexpectedly good emerged** from an incapacitating event. **That's the message of salvation** that we disciples of Jesus the Christ tell to anyone who listens.

Father John

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA/RCIA)

Next Session: Tuesday, January 10th @7pm in Podowski Hall

Topic: Sacraments of Initiation (Eucharist)

Faith Formation 2023

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

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

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 cmarco@dioceseofgreensburg.org or call the Parish Office at 724-479-9542, Ext. 15.

Poster Contest Winners

Congratulations to Will Farabaugh (grade 5) who placed first in the "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest sponsored each year by the Knights of Columbus. Will's poster will advance to the district/regional level! Best of luck!



Maddie Solo (grade 5) and Nathaniel Rowland (grade 2) also received prizes as second place winners in their respective grade level categories. Congratulations! The Knights also awarded a monetary gift to each of the poster entries for students in grades K-5. We would like to thank the K of C for their appreciation and generosity!

**Welcome to our Community of Faith**

Best wishes to Matthew and Kim Calderon Jones on the December 21st Baptism of their daughter Leena Cruz! Leena was also welcomed by big brother Keegan! May God's joy, love, and peace fill your hearts today and always!

**The Precious Gift of Life**

Thank you to all of the donors who participated in our Blood Drive on December 29th! The Youth Group exceeded the holiday goal of 20 units allowing us to donate our rewards to purchase some AV equipment for the Parish! Special thanks to Nicky Todd for volunteering to help out with donor registration! Mark your calendars for December 2023 for our annual drive!

Happenings Around the Area

Saint James Church, New Alexandria, will host a Winter Breakfast & Bake Sale on Sunday, January 15th, 2023 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Menu includes: Ham, Sausage, Pancakes, Eggs, Potatoes, Juice, Coffee and Tea. Price is \$10.00 Adults/\$5.00 Child (Ages 6 to 12)/Children (Under 6 - Free). There will also be a basket raffle. Breakfast sponsored by Saint James Holy Name and Rosary Altar Societies. For more information, please contact the Parish Office at 724-668-2829.

Rummage sales Mondays at Our Lady, Queen of Peace Parish, East Vandergrift

Rummage sales will be held in the basement of Our Lady, Queen of Peace Church, East Vandergrift, every Monday from noon-3 p.m.

March for Life Please join us – The Indiana March for Life Group – For the 50th Annual March for Life on Friday, January 20th, 2023 as we travel by bus to Washington D.C. The Theme is: Next Steps, Marching in Post-Roe America. For bus reservations and/or further information, please call Bill Ager at 724-465-4522. **Deadline for bus reservations is January 16, 2023.**

Seating is limited! CALL NOW!

Masses in Spanish in Jeannette

All are invited to Mass in Spanish Sundays at 6 p.m. at Ascension Parish, Jeannette, with reconciliation at 5 p.m.

Todos están invitados a la Misa Espanol en Domingos en Jeannette: La Santa Misa en Espanol, Todo los Domingos a 6 p.m., reconciliación a 5 p.m., Iglesia La Ascensión.

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

St. 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.

St. Bernard's Catholic Church is sponsoring the viewing of the documentary ***The Matter of Life*** on Monday, January 16th at St. Bernard of Clairvaux Parish Hall from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm, featuring powerful stories from doctors, women, historians and many more.

The Matter of Life stresses entering the conversation about life with understanding, love and support. Carolyn Cannizzaro, Director of Pro-Life Advocacy will be present to facilitate discussion.

Warning: This content may not be suitable for all audiences, but strongly encouraged for parents and their teenagers, young adults and all interested in being educated on the facts about life issues.

With joy and thanksgiving to God, the Diocese of Greensburg announces that Bishop Larry J. Kulick has called Mr. John Torres to be admitted to Candidacy for Holy Orders. Bishop Kulick will confer the Rite of Admission to Candidacy within Mass at 4:00 PM on Saturday, February 4, 2023, at St. Rita Church, Connellsville.

MASS INTENTIONS

For January 7 thru January 15



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 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

- 9:00 am (Coral) ProPopulo
- 11:00 am (Lucernemines) +Veronica Nymick (Carol & Charlotte)

MONDAY, JANUARY 9 - NO MASS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10- Coral

- 8:00 am +John A Pavlik (Fred & Toni Manfredi)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11- Coral

- 8:00 am +Gary Welsh (Wife, Barbara & family)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12- Coral

- 8:00 am +Anthony Mizerak (Vince & Helen Busi)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13- Coral

- 8:00 am --+Deceased members of the Golinsky & Prebish Families (Joe & Carol Prebish)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

- 4:00 pm (Lucernemines) +John Popp, Sr. (Jack & Janice Bell)
- 6:00 pm (Coral) ProPopulo

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

- 9:00 am (Coral) Living & Deceased Members of the Mlinarich Family (Gert Mlinarch)
- 11:00 am (Lucernemines) +Susan Guerry (Jody Tuscano)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

- Saturday, January 14-3:00pm (Lucerne)
- Sunday, January 15-8:30am (Coral)

DEC 31 & JAN 1	OFFERTORY
Adult, Loose, Children & Online Giving	\$6988.00
Votive Candles	\$423.55
Maintenance	\$150.00
Catholic Accent	\$398.00
Children & Family	\$135.00
Cemetery	\$263.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$1068.00
Immaculate Conception	\$15.00
Christmas	\$1580.00
Flowers	\$45.00

**Mass Attendance
Will be in next
Weeks bulletin**

Lucerne
Dec 31, 4pm-

Coral
Dec 31, 6pm-
Jan 1, 10am-