



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
By
Wife, Teresa Buggey
(Lucernemines)



As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."

Special Collection This Weekend
The Mission Cooperative Appeal will be collected this weekend. Please use the special envelope that is attached to this bulletin. The Franciscan Mission Service needs your financial support. They are an independent 501 (c) 3 nonprofit organization that depends on donations. Your generosity is appreciated.



The Christian Mothers are sending out a huge THANK YOU to all of you that donated so GENEROUSLY to the homeless shelter, Pathway House. May you be blessed for your generosity.

February 2nd candles will be blessed for use in your home. Candlemas, also known as the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus Christ, the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, or the Feast of the Holy Encounter, is a Christian holiday commemorating the presentation of Jesus at the Temple. It is based upon the account of the presentation of Jesus in Luke 2:22-40

SAVE THE DATE!

A Parish Mission for Our Mission: Repent and Believe. Special guest, Father Joseph Tuscan, OFM, Cap. February 11 thru February 14. More details to come!

Congratulations to the winners of the recent, **Knight of Columbus, Keep Christ in Christmas** poster contest: Mylia Slansky, Ellie Klunk and William Farabaugh. Their posters have been sent on to the next level of competition. The Knights of Columbus would like to thank all that participated in this contest, and hope to participate in it again next year.

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 its 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 nrrayk@hotmail.com.



Dear Parishioners,

Begun believing again? Undoubtedly...

When in graduate studies in theology, in the seminary at our *Capuchin "Collegio,"* or a house of studies and of formation in faith and in the religious life of daily living as a disciple of Jesus and as a companion of St. Francis, I found the atmosphere rarefied (if that's not too much cliched), as I **rubbed shoulders with men and women who had refined their faith both in the academics of ancient writers and of contemporary thinkers and who intersected with a world remarkably changed from the immediate post-World War II years. We read classics of theology and spirituality:** St. Augustine; St. Anselm; St. John Chrysostom; St. Athanasius; St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Francis and St. Bonaventure; St. Teresa of Avila, to name just a few. I loved, for example, learning about St. Anthony of Egypt whose biography drew people to conversion. In classes and in conversations men like me tasted the **delicious food for the intellect and the soul** in recipes formulated by "chefs" well-seasoned in the trade of explaining and passing on the faith, **the real "soul food," that the apostles learned from the Savior, Jesus, the Christ.**

The atmosphere seemed rarefied because so much study, thought, and research had already exposed new insights based on solid and some not-so-solid thinking about God and God's interaction with humanity. **I wanted to be "orthodox" in my understandings so as not obscure or miss the heart of faith in Christ.** Old mistakes were occasionally revisited and rejected once again. At the same time, new human visions of true justice exposed weaknesses in our professed unity with Christ that shook us. We rightly guessed that studies of the Bible were breaking open meaning, from archeology and from a deeper review of ancient history coupled with greater awareness of the meaning of terms and vocabulary. **We sensed that we were on the verge of more not less.** In those days, I remember distinctly one professor at Wesley Theological Seminary at the American University who looked for his students to confront, not avoid, the questions expressed to us. He helped me to reach for and to express the aspects of faith that remained "undoubtedly" true. This kindly professor seemed wholly catholic, and even Catholic with a capital-C.

It seemed to me then, as it does now, that believing people look to **what is trustworthy and enduring, rather than to the passing fads of ideas.** We study to **translate the enduring into the contemporary.**

So we began another New Year, now half-way through the month, assured that we would meet some perennially **troublesome yet potentially clarifying questions** like these: **Is conversion still real** for people today? **Are all of our problems psychological rather than spiritual?** **What is the source of evil for the world?** **Does the witness of real holy people touch us** and move us? **What are the signs that believers are living out the commandments of Jesus to love God and to love our neighbors as ourselves?** **How is forgiveness really possible?** **Is unity with God a realizable goal today?** **How do we find Jesus in the sacramental encounters?** **What is our role or our mission today?** **How well do we seem to know what God might want of us?** **Can we wholeheartedly affirm that our bodies, too, are sacred to God?** **And, can we profess that God truly invites us to Himself from the womb?** **Even if our society rejects that embryos are living persons, then abortion scrouges hope from all humanity, even then we stand with God's gift of precious life to us?**

So, we come to the middle of January, the head of a new Year, where we will systematically address some enduring aspects of the faith that saves us. Remember to pray for unity of faith in Christ Jesus this month and to offer your own sufferings in reparation for the many sins that kill life.

Father John

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA/RCIA)

Next Session: Tuesday, January 24th @7pm in Podowski Hall

Topic: Sacraments of Service: Holy Orders and Matrimony

Faith Formation 2023

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

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

ENRICHMENT SERIES**Bible Basics for Catholics**

Written by John Bergsma (author of Yes, There Is a God!) Two identical sessions will be held on the following Thursdays: 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. Resources and refreshments provided. To register, please contact cmarco@dioceseofgreensburg.org or call the Parish Office at 724-479-9542, Ext. 15

**Welcome to our Community of Faith!**

Congratulations and best wishes to Justin and Ashley Schmidt Fess on the Baptism of their daughters, Charlie Grace and Adelynn Mae on Sunday, February 15th at the Coral worship site. May God's joy, love, and peace fill your hearts today and always!

**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 (khenry@dioceseofgreensburg.org) 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!

STUDENTS IN THE NEWS

Gigi Palmer (10th grade) and **Ashlyn Kerr** (11th grade) are both members of a newly formed Social Skills group at Homer Center Elementary. The program was designed to meet the needs of older elementary students with autism, as well as offer real-world experience to those high school students considering a career in special education. Best of luck in this endeavor!

Sacramental Prep Workshop Reminder

Second grade students are to be accompanied by one parent or caregiver to the Sacramental Prep workshop on "The Prodigal Son." It will be held from 6-8pm in Podowski Hall on Monday, January 23rd. Light refreshments will be provided.

Annual Day of Service

In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s legacy, elementary Faith Formation students began a series of service projects on Sunday, January 15th focusing on the dignity and respect of human life. Special projects included homebound/nursing home parishioners, Meals on Wheels (closing after 51 years of service), and Fr. John's upcoming ordination anniversary. Students also had an opportunity to learn about Dr. King's ideals and achievements.



HAPPENINGS AROUND THE DIOCESE



Saint James, New Alexandria will host a Family Adoration Night – Friday, February 3rd beginning at 6:30pm. Bring the whole family, including children of all ages for Eucharistic Adoration. There will be music, a Gospel reading, a short homily, and time for personal prayer before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome! For more information, contact the Parish Office at 724-668-2829.

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

Always God's Children hosts monthly meetings in Latrobe

Meetings for Always God's Children, a ministry for LGBTQ Catholics and their families, are held in-person and virtually the second Thursday of every month from 7-8:30 p.m. at St. Vincent Basilica Parish, Latrobe. For information, contact Kristina Davies, 724-539-8629, ext. 19, or kristina.davies@stvincent.edu.

Magnificat Breakfast Jan. 28 in Crabtree

The Greensburg Chapter of Magnificat – A Ministry to Catholic Women will hold a breakfast at Rizzo's Banquet Hall, Crabtree, Saturday, Jan. 28, from 9 a.m.-noon. Guest speaker will be Mallory Hurley, a Catholic artist who finds that art helps her understand her faith and come closer to God. Cost is \$25 (students \$20). To register, call Brenda Concanon, 724-836-2094, by Jan. 23 or visit magnificatgreensburg.com to download a registration form (no online registration).

Cash Bash Feb. 11 at Our Lady, Queen of Peace Parish, East Vandergrift.

Our Lady, Queen of Peace Parish, East Vandergrift, will hold a cash bash (21 and over) Saturday, Feb. 11, in the social hall. Doors open at 5 p.m. and the first number will be drawn at 7 p.m. The \$25 donation includes food, beverages and chances to win \$3,000. Pull tabs, 50/50s, and chances on a scratch-off lottery board and theme baskets will also be available. Tickets are available in the church vestibule after Sunday Mass, at the parish office in Apollo, or by calling 724-882-9212.

Valentine's Day dinner/dance Feb. 11 at Sacred Heart Parish, Jeannette

Sacred Heart Parish, Jeannette, will host a Valentine's Day dinner and dance Saturday, Feb. 11, from 6-10 p.m. (doors open at 5:30) in the Sacred Heart cafeteria. Tickets are \$20 and only 200 will be sold. Food will be provided by Rizzo's Malabar Inn, and beverages will be available to purchase. There will also be basket raffles and a lottery board. For tickets, call John Cramer, 724-396-9737, or Kelly Dowd, 724-875-2437.

MASS INTENTIONS



For January 21 thru January 29

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

4:00 pm (Lucernemines) ProPopulo
 6:00 pm (Coral) +Jemma Zicha (Family)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

9:00 am (Coral) Special Intention (Barbara Walsh)
 11:00 am (Lucernemines) +John A Pavlik (Christian Mothers)

MONDAY, JANUARY 23- NO MASS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24- Coral

8:00 am +David Stossel (Kathleen Farabaugh)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25- Coral

8:00 am +Phyllis Tuscan (Suffragia)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26- Coral

8:00 am +Bill Murray (William Solo)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27- Coral

8:00 am +Tony Mizerak (Joe & Patty Smith)

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



Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, January 28-3:00pm (Lucerne)

Sunday, January 29-8:30am (Coral)

JAN 14 & 15, 2022	OFFERTORY
Adult, Loose, Children & Online Giving	\$6520.72
Votive Candles	\$137.00
Maintenance	\$100.00
Catholic Accent	\$84.00
Children & Family	\$2.00
Cemetery	\$155.00
First Offering	\$105.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$65.00
Christmas	\$110.00

Mass Attendance

Lucerne

Jan 14, 4pm—87

Jan 15, 11am—60

Coral

Jan 14, 6pm—34

Jan 15, 9am—123