

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 26, 2023



# Our Lady of the Assumption

A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg  
A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust



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At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry. The tempter approached and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread."

He said in reply, "It is written: *One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.*"

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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

The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of  
John (JR) Reed (Coral)  
by

Marianna Reed

&

Jim Yanoscisk (Lucernemines)

by

Mimi Yanoscisk

The Host is in memory of

Angelo & Mary Lorelli (Lucernemines)

by

Fred, Toni & Family

&

Michael & Pauline Gatskie (Coral)

By

The Gatskie Family

### Benefits of Online Giving-WeShare

There are several advantages to having all donors using the parish online donation platform rather than through the diocesan site:

\*\*The church will receive donations in a more timely manner. Currently, the diocese is only sending the donor gifts to parishes on a monthly basis. If the donor was utilizing the parish online giving system, the receipts would be immediate.

\*\*Parishioners would be able to donate to second collections through the parish's online giving system. Through the diocesan online offertory, general offertory is the only option available to the donor.

\*\*Parishioners would be able to speak with the parish directly if there is a life, banking, or personal change that affects the amount / frequency of their gifts.

Join by going to our website:

[www.olaparishpa.org](http://www.olaparishpa.org) and click on Giving.

**Roman Catholics must abstain from meat on all Fridays during Lent.**



All clothing is just \$1 this week and all white tag items are half-priced at the St.

Vincent de Paul Thrift Store in Indiana. Located in the BiLo Plaza on N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, the store is open Monday thru Saturday from 10am to 2pm. Donations are accepted at the back door from 10am to 1pm (space permitting).

### Saint James, New Alexandria Presents: Adult Lenten Series:

Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. - "Why so much focus on sin?"

Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. - "The last supper, more than just a meal"

Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> - 6:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. - "The sights, sounds and symbols of Holy Week"

Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. - "A closer look at the death of Jesus - A theological & biological examination"

Everyone is invited to attend, no registration necessary. Contact the parish office for more information - 724-668-2829.



Dear Parishioners,

Connecting with the Sacrifice of Christ

People who visit St. Anthony Chapel in Pittsburgh on Troy Hill do so to view the collection of relics of the saints held to be the largest collection outside of western Europe, but hardly anyone visiting that chapel comes away unimpressed by the hand carved, life-sized, true to form Stations of the Cross. It seems that the original small chapel holding relics had to be expanded to receive these Stations.



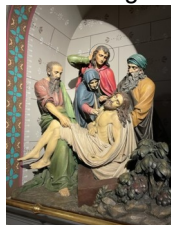
While a standard devotional practice prayed communally during Lent on Fridays and Wednesdays, religious shrines to which pilgrimages are made frequently provide devotees the opportunity to pray this meditation any day of the year. As a novice, my novice master instructed us to pray the Stations of the Cross at least once a week on Fridays and to walk the Stations every day in Lent. Instructors taught us to employ various prepared booklets or to compose our own meditations as we walked this devotion.

In our Catholic parish we have prayed the Stations on Friday evenings, beginning at 7:30, after having a period devoted to Eucharistic Adoration beginning at 6 PM. This year we will add Stations at midday, at noon, in the Coral church so that those unable to come out at night might not be deprived of this tradition. In our Catholic life, if every Sunday recalls Easter Sunday and the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from Death, every Friday remembers the brutal passion and death of Jesus. So, the Stations of the Cross recall **fourteen separate events** or Jesus' obediencial actions on our behalf. Scholars say that since St. Helena looked for and identified the sites in Jerusalem along the way where Jesus carried the Cross to the Place of the Skull (Golgotha), she walked the Way of the Cross and prayed that Way..

Because our faith is Incarnational, that is, the events of our Redemption happened in real time, in real spaces, St. Helena, scholars hold, walked in imitation of Jesus the path that Jesus trod through the streets of Jerusalem. Pilgrims who came to Jerusalem believing that Jesus is the Christ, sought to pray where these events of salvation happened, so they walked through the narrow streets and identified fourteen major points in which Jesus acted for us. Originally, pilgrims praying along the way of these streets may have known as many as eighteen sites. In parishes and shrines in Europe, preachers popularized the way of reflecting on the total sufferings of Jesus as a free act of his will to bring us back to the Father. The Franciscans who were chosen and granted care and supervision of the Holy Sites, wanted their congregations and members to live as followers who would practice Jesus' admonition to take up the Cross and follow Jesus day-by-day. These preachers would seek to enliven faith, and processions with Crosses in tow.

Well, what about us at Assumption Parish? We have three beautiful sets of the icons which commemorate these events on the last day of Jesus' human life: a traditional cast and painted form in the St. Francis Church in Coral; a glass/ceramic, mosaic form on the Church walls in St. Louis in Lucernemines; and, a small and simple-in-design cast metal form along the driveway in Lucernemines. Occasionally I will see a parishioner walking along the driveway to meditate on the Suffering and Death and Burial of Jesus.

If you haven't kept this devotion for some time, I invite you to return to these simple enacted prayers and reflection that work to keep us focused on the saving Work of Jesus for us. Can you be Simon of Cyrene? Or Veronica? Or among the women weeping? Or the Roman centurion who acclaimed that "this was the son of God." During Lent let's allow our faith to be more vivid and moving for us.



Father John

**Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA/RCIA)**Next Session: Tuesday, February 28th @7:00pm**Faith Formation 2023***All sessions will be held in Podowski Hall at the Lucernemines worship site.***February 26<sup>th</sup>**

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

5:30pm-7:30pm Grades 6-7 ONLY...NO Youth Group for grades 8-12**Meeting @7pm for 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade parents (Confirmation)****March 5<sup>th</sup>**

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

**March 12<sup>th</sup>**

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

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

**March 19<sup>th</sup>**

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

**March 26<sup>th</sup>**

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

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

**ENRICHMENT SERIES****Bible Basics for Catholics (8 sessions)**by John Bergsma (author of *Yes, There Is a God!*)

Two identical sessions will be held on the following Thursdays:

3/2, 3/9, and 3/13 (updated)

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: 3/9 evening session will begin at 7pm instead of 6pm. 3/13...both sessions will meet at 6pm in Podowski Hall for series finale.

**Welcome to our Community of Faith!**

Congratulations and best wishes to Eric and Kelly Weigand Bishop on the Baptism of their son, Ezra John, on Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>!

Big sister, Claire, along with family and friends, were there to honor and celebrate this special occasion! May God's joy, love, and peace fill your hearts today and always!

**Extraordinary Lenten Opportunity:****Iconography Art Workshop**

Our Lady of the Assumption will be hosting an Iconography Workshop for Adults from March 23<sup>rd</sup> to March 26<sup>th</sup>! All levels of experience are welcome to participate!

**Who:** Marylyn Barone is an experienced iconographer from North Versailles.

**When:** Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6pm-9:30pm

**Friday,** March 24<sup>th</sup> from 6pm-9:30pm

**Saturday,** March 25<sup>th</sup> from 9am-6:30pm

**Sunday,** March 26<sup>th</sup> noon until finished

(four days are required to complete the icon)

**What:** Painting an icon of St. Mary Magdalene

**Where:** Podowski Hall, 403 Lucerne Rd., Lucernemines, PA 15754

**Cost:** \$135 includes all materials, instruction, and refreshments.

\$25 deposit due prior to workshop.

Applications are available at both worship sites, or by calling our Parish Office at (724) 479-9542, Ext. 15 or emailing [cmarco@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:cmarco@dioceseofgreensburg.org)

**ASSUMPTION CINEMA LENTEN SERIES**

Wednesday evenings from 6pm-8pm

Podowski Hall/no charge

Light refreshments will be served (popcorn/water)

**March 1<sup>st</sup> "Romero"**

*Biographical film of Archbishop Oscar Romero dealing with social injustice in San Salvador*

**March 8<sup>th</sup> "United States and the Holocaust" (Part 1)**

*Ken Burns documentary; recently released*

**March 15<sup>th</sup> "US and the Holocaust" (Part 2)****March 22<sup>nd</sup> "US and the Holocaust" (Part 3)****March 29<sup>th</sup> "Devotion"**

*Addresses racism during the Korean Conflict; new release*



## HAPPENINGS AROUND THE DIOCESE

Lenten Day of Prayer for Women of the Diocese  
**"New Wineskins: A Lenten Journey of Renewal"**  
 Sponsored by The Greensburg Diocesan Council of the National Council of Catholic Women (DCCW)

**Saturday March 18, 2023**  
 ALL women are invited and encouraged to attend

**8:30: Registration** **St James Church, New Alexandria, PA**  
**9:00: Rosary**  
**9:30 Mass: celebrant, The Very Reverend Eric J. Dinga, VF (homily / first talk)**  
**10:30: information on the DCCW**  
**11:00: Catered Brunch**  
**11:45: second talk**  
**12:30: Mary's Way of the Cross & closing prayer**

**\$12 \* reservations required, by 3/11**  
 for more information and reservations  
 Treasure: Millie Krinock 724-537-2064  
 President: Kathy Byron 724-787-2415  
 kathyb1133@gmail.com

### Mark your Calendar!

#### Good Friday Cross Walk, April 7, 2023

Join us for a walk throughout Homer City focused on the cross of Christ, with stops across our community for prayer, song and reflection. Join for the whole walk or come where you can at these stops along the way on Good Friday, April 7th.

- 9:00am Cross walk begins at Christian & Missionary Alliance Church
- 10:00am Worship at Hope Lutheran Church
- 10:30am Worship at Homer City United Presbyterian Church
- 11:00am Worship at Homer City United Methodist Church

#### 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](http://DioceseofGreensburg.org/TheWell).

#### KNOW HIM: The Last Supper and the Gift of the Eucharist set March 9 at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg

Registration is now open for **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 event is free of charge as part of the Diocese of Greensburg's Eucharistic Revival efforts. Seating is limited. Register at [DioceseofGreensburg.org/EucharisticRevival](http://DioceseofGreensburg.org/EucharisticRevival).

#### Thirteen Tuesdays in honor of St. Anthony begin March 21 at Ascension Parish, Jeannette

The Thirteen Tuesdays in honor of St. Anthony will be prayed at Ascension Parish, Jeannette, on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. beginning March 21 and continuing through June 13. In addition to praying the Novena, the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction will take place.

#### 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.

# MASS INTENTIONS

For February 25 thru March 5



## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

4:00 pm (Lucernemines) †Veronica Nymick (Marge Mitchell)  
6:00 pm (Coral) †Mildred Dechman (Jerry & Cindy Bertig)

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26-FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

9:00 am (Coral) †Julie Stossel (Therese Griffith & Family)  
11:00 am (Lucernemines) ProPopulo

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27- NO MASS

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28- Coral

8:00 am †Joseph & Kathryn Mlinarich (Gertrude Mlinarich)

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1- Coral

8:00 am †Louis Guerry (Cheryl & Mike Sayers)

## THURSDAY, MARCH 2- Coral

8:00 am †Living & Deceased Members of the Bertig Family (Darrick Bertig)

## FIRST FRIDAY, MARCH 3- Coral

8:00 am †Dorothy Halmes (Betty & Mike Savage)  
Adoration until noon  
11:30am Confession (Coral)  
12:00pm Stations of the Cross (Coral)  
6:00pm Adoration (Lucernemines)  
6:30pm Confession (Lucernemines)  
7:30pm Stations of the Cross (Lucernemines)

## FIRST SATURDAY, MARCH 4

8:00am †Andrew Drahnak (Ann & Paul Esachina) (Lucernemines)  
4:00 pm (Lucernemines) ProPopulo  
6:00 pm (Coral) †Victor Yancy (Children & Grandchildren)

## SUNDAY, MARCH 5-SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

9:00 am (Coral) †Agnes Chutorich (Jerry Chutorich & Family)  
11:00 am (Lucernemines) †Mary Rose Green (Ed Moran)

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, March 4-3:00pm (Lucerne)

Sunday, March 5-8:30am (Coral)



## FEB 19 & 20, 2023

## OFFERTORY

Adult, Loose, Children & Online Giving	\$4389.00
Maintenance	\$178.00
Votive Candles	\$127.00
Mission Coop	\$500.00
Home Missions	\$105.00
Eastern Europe	\$180.00
Ash Wednesday	\$288.00
Flowers	\$10.00

## Mass Attendance

## Lucerne

Feb18, 4pm—109  
Feb19, 11am—122

## Coral

Feb 18, 6pm—48  
Feb 19, 9am—85