



Our Lady of the Assumption

A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg
A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust



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"And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!'" ~ [Matthew 21:9](#)



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
Philip, Eva & Yvonne Cravotta (Coral)

by Daughter, Denise Rowley

&

Harry Williams

By Daughter, Lauren (Lucernemines)

The Host is in memory of
Gasper & Pauline Vilcek (Coral)

By the Gatskie Family

&

Pauline Checlosky(Lucernemines)

By Connie Diven

LAST CHANCE CONFESSIONS!
Wednesday, April 5th, 6:00pm-
8:00pm at Lucernemines

The Parish Office will be closed beginning April 6 thru April 10. The office will reopen April 11th at 9:00am.

Pontifical Good Friday Collection

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The pandemic hit particularly hard the Christians in the Holy Land. Most of them depend on pilgrimages to work. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection is also necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land where the Church was born. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

PLEASE BE GENEROUS! No special envelope is needed.

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday.

Coffee and Donuts

There will be coffee and donuts Sunday, April 2nd following the 9:00am mass in Coral in the Social Hall.



The Altar Rosary Society will be meeting on April 3rd at 6:45pm in Powdowski Hall.

Part Time Cemetery Groundskeeper

Mowing & trimming at St Louis & St Francis

Cemeteries, pick up and cut back tree branches, maintain the oil and tire pressure with the mowers and keep mower decks clean. Equipment will be provided. In addition, mowing the two open fields at the Coral location. Hours are flexible and not to exceed 20 hours per week. Must be dependable and work independently. Call or email the parish office to set up an appointment. 724-479-9542, Ext. 10 or khenry@dioceseofgreensburg.org



Dear Parishioners,
The One Great Week of the Year

While living in Pittsburgh, if I had no additional Mass at another parish, I used to bicycle the streets after Sunday Mass. One Palm Sunday I happened to be at an intersection of Grant Street, near the UPMC Building. Church for Palm Sunday was just letting out at a Protestant congregation, and I paused long enough to see nicely-dressed congregants exiting with pieces of palm branches in hand. One lady looking less than pleased exited the church and directly carried her church bulletin and pieces of palm to a trash receptacle. Was she angry about the long service, or at the minister, or at the choir, or at the ritual, or at the choice to imitate the "Popish Romans" in practices that she so deliberately disposed of blessed branches. I remember feeling sorry for her while I awaited the stop-light to turn green. Did she have "a bad Lent"?

How was Lent for you? This weekend we wear red and carry green branches which we will bless and hold in places of remembrance and honor in our homes. [Note to self as a pastor: do not place waste receptacles near to the exit doors on Palm Sunday weekend.] I believe that you and I understand that the palms recall the first steps in what the Orthodox and Byzantines call "Great Week," and we call "Holy Week." Sources say that since before the time we started counting three hundred years since the resurrection, our ancestors began to keep Lent and to more vividly recall the week that culminated with the Last Supper and its institution of the Holy Eucharistic; the passing on of the ministry of Jesus to his apostles (creation of a ministerial priesthood); the humble Service of Jesus to his apostles as he washed their feet at the Passover table; that betrayal of Jesus by Judas; the agony of Jesus before his arrest; the false accusations and trumped up charges Jesus endured; the denial by Peter and the cock crowing; the running off of another disciple and the hiding of all the others; the trials before Pilate and the chief priest and Herod.

This "week that was" also found the all-night-vigil at warming fires morph into morning complete with strong words that fully misrepresented the ministry of Jesus. All saw how prophets were treated. Then followed the scourging and the concession to the angry liars. *Via Dolorosa* began and has never ceased. The Crossbeam Jesus carried made the pain more poignant, and Simon from Cyrene acted under coercion as a good neighbor. Furthermore, on the way of the Cross, Jesus comforts his mother, the women of Jerusalem, Veronica who wiped his face, and the so-aptly described "Good Thief."

On Holy Thursday, we will imitate what Jesus did for his apostles at the last Supper; we will wash the feet of some parishioners who will represent us. After the Institution of the Eucharist, we will keep a brief vigil in our own garden. On the Friday we call Good, we will pray the way of the Cross at 11:30 am in Coral; then at three we will solemnly read from the Prophet Isaiah's Suffering Servant Songs before we solemnly read John's account of the Passion and Death of Jesus. Afterwards we will pray for the world that Jesus came to save through his death; then we will reverence the Holy Cross before partaking in Holy Communion. At 7 PM we will observe the Anointing and Burial of Jesus as done in Jerusalem.

Holy Saturday comes quietly, mournfully, interrupted only by blessings of baskets of food to break the Lenten fast. We keep vigil starting at 8:30 PM. When we conclude the vigil, we sing Alleluia strongly.

All of this reveals that we keep Lent to touch again all that Jesus presents to us for our salvation. I hope that you had a happy Lent. Please join us for the Jesus the Christ Story unfolding in our two churches.

Father John

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA/RCIA)**Next Session: Tuesday, April 11th @7:00pm****Faith Formation 2023***All sessions will be held in Podowski Hall at the Lucernemines worship site***April 2nd**

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

2pm Dress Rehearsal for LIVE STATIONS (Youth Group)

*****4pm LIVE STATIONS at Lucernemines (Everyone Welcome!)* ******April 9th****No Sessions: Have a blessed Easter!****April 16th**

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

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

April 23rd

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

April 30th

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

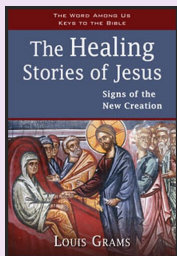
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ENRICHMENT SERIES: SAVE THE DATES

Our next Bible Study series, The Healing Stories of Jesus, will begin on Thursday, April 20th, and continue on the following Thursdays: 4/27, 5/4, 5/11, 5/25, and 6/1 (whole group).

Note: No sessions on 5/18 due to "The Ascension of the Lord." (Holy Day of Obligation)

Identical sessions will be held in the mornings immediately following the 8am Mass in the Coral Social Hall, and in the evenings beginning at 6pm in Podowski Hall at the Lucernemines worship site. Books, materials, and refreshments are provided. A \$10 donation will help toward the cost of the program. Hope to see you there!

**ASSUMPTION CINEMA PRESENTS**

Wednesday evenings from 6pm-8pm

Podowski Hall/no charge

Light refreshments will be served (popcorn/water)

April 12th "A Man Called Otto"

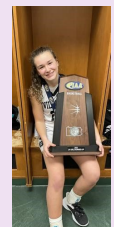
Family can sometimes be found in the most unexpected places! New release!

May 3rd "Jesus Revolution"

An unexpected revival of radical and newfound love! New release!

**STUDENTS IN THE NEWS**

Congratulations to Macy Sardone, a senior at Homer Center, who was recently named IRMC's Athlete of the Week in the Indiana Gazette



HAPPENINGS AROUND THE DIOCESE

Public Rosary Rally – Saturday, 22 April 2023, 10:00 a.m.:

Join local-area Catholics in praying a public Rosary on the sidewalk in front of **St. Thomas More University Parish**, 1200 Oakland Street, in Indiana. In this month of the Blessed Sacrament, we will pray to Our Redeemer through His Eucharistic Heart offered in all the Masses of the world for mercy and conversions. The Rally will occur **rain, snow, or shine**, so please dress appropriately. It will last approximately 45 minutes. Call/text Marianne 724-717-3278 with any questions

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.

Grief support group meeting at St. Mary, Mother of God Parish, Freeport

GriefShare, a weekly seminar and support group, meets Sundays from 6-7:30 p.m. at St. Mary, Mother of God Parish, Freeport. To register, call 724-295-2281.

Bus trip to Sight and Sound Theatre's 'Moses' planned June 23

St. Paul Parish, Greensburg, is planning a bus trip to the Sight and Sound Theater, Lancaster, to see "Moses" Friday, June 23. Cost is \$178. The bus will leave at 10 a.m. The trip will include an Amish-style dinner at Plain & Fancy. Participants can register, pay the deposit and sign waivers at <https://scholasticatravel.groupcollect.com/go/15477a>. For information, call 724-989-6034.

Summer retreats planned at Saint Vincent Archabbey, Latrobe

The Saint Vincent Archabbey Summer Retreat Program will host three retreats in July. Benedictine Father Nathanael Polinski will conduct a men's retreat July 14-16 on the topic "Put Out Into the Deep (Luke 5:4)." Benedictine Father Donald Raila will lead the Benedictine Spirituality Retreat July 21-23 with the theme "Avoiding the 'Evil of Grumbling': Living in Praise and Thanksgiving." Benedictine Father Alfred Patterson will speak on "More Saints Alive!," a continuation of a similar topic last year, during a retreat for women and men July 28-30. For information or to register, visit www.saintvincentretreats.org.

2023 Diocesan Lenten Appeal as of 3/25/2023

Total Pledged: \$34,735

Diocesan Goal: \$50,231.00

Number of Gifts: 159 69.2% of Diocesan Goal

56.7% toward Parish Goal of an additional \$11,000.00

All money donated in excess of the Diocesan Goal are returned 100% to the Parish.

Parish Goal: \$61,231.00

MASS INTENTIONS

For March 31 thru April 9



SATURDAY, APRIL 1

8:00am †Gusty & Rose Vilcek (Family) -Lucernemines
 4:00 pm (Lucernemines) †Verna Luscia (Husband & Daughters)
 6:00 pm (Coral) †John Zicha (Family)

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

9:00 am (Coral) Living & Deceased member of the Joseph & Elizabeth Yoschak Family
 11:00 am (Lucernemines) ProPopulo

MONDAY, APRIL 3 - Coral

8:00 am ProPopulo

TUESDAY, APRIL 4- Coral

8:00 am †Susan Guerry (Anna Marie Halo)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5- Coral

8:00 am †Gary Welsh (Toni & Fred Manfredi)

Last Chance Confessions-6:00pm-8:00pm—Lucernemines

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 6- Coral

7:00 pm †August (Goose) Vilcek (Family)

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 7-

11:30 am Station of the Cross –Coral
 3:00 pm Liturgical Service—Lucernemines
 7:00 pm Anointing & Burial of Jesus—Lucernemines

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 8

12:00 pm Blessing of the Baskets-Lucernemines
 1:00 pm Blessing of the Baskets-Coral
 8:30 pm Easter Vigil-ProPopulo—Coral

EASTER SUNDAY, THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD, APRIL 9

7:00 am †Pauline Checlosky (Daughter, Kathy)-Lucernemines
 9:00 am (Coral) ProPopulo
 11:00 am (Lucernemines) †Ayden Henry (Parents, Siblings & Grandparents)

No confessions preceding the 4:00pm mass on Holy Saturday or the 9:00am mass on Easter Sunday.

MAR 25 & 26, 2023	OFFERTORY
Adult, Loose, Children & Online Giving	\$4711.00
Votive Candles	\$150.00
Maintenance	\$33.00
Catholic Accent	\$2.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$300.00
Flowers	\$208.00
Home Missions	\$30.00
Easter	\$140.00
Cemetery	\$11.00

Mass Attendance

Lucerne

Mar 25, 4pm—69
 Mar 26, 11am—94

Coral

Mar 25, 6pm—64
 Mar 26, 9am—102