



Our Lady of the Assumption

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Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise." Martha said to him, "I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world."



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 & Irene Cravotta
by

Daughter, Denise Rowley
(Coral)

The Host is in memory of
Gasper & Pauline Vilcek

By
The Gatskie Family
(Coral)

2023 Lenten Luncheon Series is presented by the Homer City Area Ministerium. We will gather at 12:00pm for worship followed by a light lunch at 12:35pm.

March 29th –Homer City United Methodist at which Father John will be the celebrant.

**Assumption Cinema Lenten Series
6:00pm in Podowski Hall**

March 29th “Devotion” (Addresses racism during the Korean Conflict)

Mark your Calendar!

Live Stations on April 2nd at 4:00pm,
Lucernemines

Adoration During Lent

Fridays at 6:00pm at our Lucernemines location followed by confessions at 6:30pm

Online Giving

You can easily sign up for online offertory at www.olaparishpa.org and click on Giving, then Donate Online.

Stay Connected! Receive monthly text message update about the Eucharistic Revival Events. Text the word FAITH to 724-305-3057.

Diocese of Greensburg



**SHARE
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MISSION**

This Week's Regional Lenten Penance Service

March 29th—7pm St Thomas More, Indiana

March 30—7pm Holy Family, Seward & St Sylvester, Slickville

Catholic Relief Services—Did you know that until COVID-19, global poverty had fallen for three consecutive decades? U.S. Foreign Aid helped make this happen. Send a message to your legislators and urge them to support increases in foreign aid for FY 2024. Visit www.crs.org for more information!



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Dear Parishioners,

Confession, Penance, Reconciliation in 2023

In the 1990's when I served as the rector and religious superior of the Capuchin house of formation on the Catholic University campus in our nation's capital, I was frequently called upon to assist with ministry at the **National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception**, both for the celebration of Masses and for the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**. From my residence I easily walked to the grand basilica where priests who agreed “to hear confessions” were assigned to two to four hour slots, depending on the pilgrim traffic to be expected. Saturday and Sunday afternoons we priests could be swamped with people seeking the Sacrament.

Those seeking the sacraments at the basilica might **come for two reasons**. To start with, two Archdioceses, Baltimore and Washington, and one Diocese, Arlington, were within an easy reach of this grand place for pilgrimage. We had **our regular “cliental”** in persons who preferred to receive the Sacrament in the grand anonymity of this sacred space with both diocesan and religious order priest whose regular ministry might be teaching at the University or whose assignment might be to earn a doctorate in theology or pastoral care. **Another set of persons came on pilgrimage** from all points of the compass; and some came because they had serious life issues to resolve and wanted to begin anew. As a priest and a Capuchin friar, I wanted to be available to all those seeking the Sacrament because Jesus had once accepted me as and granted me a share in his “apostolic” ministry of reconciliation.

As a young boy, even before making my “First Confession,” I accompanied my family to church each week for forgiveness so that we might **rightly and devoutly receive Holy Communion worthily**. We understood that any **deliberate deadly or mortal sin must be confessed**; very often, however, we remembered and confessed to God venial sins, or not-as-serious actions that pulled us away from God and God's sanctity. Awakening to puberty in our lives **awakened us to life with a purpose** and to thoughts and activities that belittled that great purpose before God. **We sought to form our consciences by Jesus' teachings and by his great Commandment.**

For us Roman Catholics, **Lent always becomes** a time for **paying new attention to our personal relationship with God**, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Our diocesan regional penance services witness to our real concerns about **coming to our Loving Father with our burdens and failings**. Unfortunately, our parish's assigned date this season, due to the regional Mission at St. Thomas More, occurred quite early in Lent; couple that early date with freezing temperatures with ice and snow and with a local play-off game, and our participation as a parish at the common penance service amounted to about 24 persons. On the other hand, participation at our regular opportunities for the sacrament have increased this Lent. As a matter of fact, we often have a steady stream of persons seeking the sacrament on Saturday afternoons, on Sunday mornings, on First Fridays, and on Friday evenings in Lent. **I have been impressed both with how many persons seek the sacrament and with how well prepared people are.**

You may not even notice, but some **subtle changes in wording** that respect more strongly the action of God in and through this Holy Sacrament are being introduced this Lent. The Sacrament of Penance, is called Reconciliation or Confession, because it is the means through which God grants pardon for our sins committed after Baptism. **Reconciliation refers to what we hope to find in God again, while Penance refers to what we are willing to do to welcome God again; Confession refers to our honest acknowledgment of our failures that offend our loving God.** In the sacrament, the contrite penitent discloses his or her sins to a **Catholic priest who grants sacramental absolution, fulfilling the ministry Jesus assigned the apostles after the Resurrection.** The penitent resolves to not sin again and performs an act of satisfaction, usually called a penance. Through the priest, God grants his pardon and peace, and the penitent is reconciled to God.

How blessed we are by God's generous and life-giving gift that enables us to unburden our consciences and to hear from God's minister words of assurance. **No guessing here, God truly forgives.**

Father John

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA/RCIA)

Next Session: Tuesday, March 28th @7:00pm

Faith Formation 2023

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

March 26th

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

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

LIVE STATIONS PRACTICE**April 2nd**

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

2pm Dress Rehearsal for LIVE STATIONS (Youth Group)

*****4pm LIVE STATIONS at Lucernemines (Everyone is Welcomed)*****

April 9th

No Sessions: Have a blessed Easter!

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)

March 29th "Devotion"

Addresses racism during the Korean Conflict. New release!

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 Brody Cortazzo (fourth grade student at Horace Mann Elementary) who won a silver medal at the Pennsylvania State Hoop Shoot championship in his division earlier this month!

**SACRAMENTAL PREP WORKSHOP REMINDER**

Second grade students are to be accompanied by one parent or caregiver to the "Table of the Lord" workshop on Monday, March 27th from 6pm-8pm in Podowski Hall in preparation for their First Holy Communion on May 7th.

Light refreshments will be provided.

2023 Diocesan Lenten Appeal as of 3/18/2023

Total Pledged: \$26,690.00

Diocesan Goal: \$50,231.00

Number of Gifts: 135 53.1% of Diocesan Goal

43.1% 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

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE DIOCESE



How To See Jesus in the Eucharist

A Three Day Regional Mission

Main Sessions
 March 27-29
 Music & Rosary | 5:45pm
 Session | 6:30pm

Mini Sessions
 March 28-29
 12:10pm Mass and Q&A

Hosted at
 St. Thomas More University Parish
 1200 Oakland Ave Indiana, PA 15701

Social with refreshments to follow

Talk #1 Born From Above

This presentation will unpack our Lord's conversation with a Scholar of the Old Testament Scriptures, Nicodemus, in John chapter three. Despite all his studies, Nicodemus still could not understand the ways of God. Jesus came to help him see that it was impossible to see God's Kingdom because he was lacking something. Come and learn what is missing.

Talk #2 Operating In The Spirit and Faith

This presentation will explain how we are supposed to function when we have been "born from above". Using a bipartite illustration to reveal how man is supposed to work in the Spirit, we will focus on Faith and how a disciple is empowered through the fire of love to trust in Jesus more. Come and see how we are meant to walk with God.

Talk #3 Do This In Remembrance Of Me

This presentation will unpack the Wedding Feast of the Lamb of God that is described in Luke 22:14-20. We will be using Luke's account of the Lord's Supper and compare it to St. Paul's account from 1 Cor. 11:23-26. We will come see the Apostles' understanding of what Jesus meant when he said, "Do this in remembrance of me."

Presenter

Dcn. Ralph Poyo, founder of New Evangelization Ministries, was a Youth Minister for over 23 years and Director of Faith Formation for 7 years. He has served as a full-time Missionary for the last 16 years around the United States.



What are people saying about this mission?

John (TX) - As a young Father, I was confronted with the fact that I don't know God's plan. Glad I came!
 Mary (IN) - He was funny, passionate, and challenging. The time went by so fast, I couldn't believe it.
 Don (NE) - I have been walking with the Lord for over twenty years and I was deeply challenged to go deeper.
 John (OH) - The illustrations were extremely practical, relevant and really explained the faith in a new way.

Supported by the region's Knights of Columbus

St. Emma Retreat House, Greensburg, will host a Day of Recollection to prepare for Holy Week Saturday, April 1, from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. The day will include coffee/rolls, conferences, confessions, Mass and a meal. Cost is \$40 at the door. For reservations (required), email retreats@stemma.org or call 724-824-3060.

St. Vincent Basilica Parish is offering a seven-week "Discovering Christ" program April 18-May 30 on Tuesdays from 6-9 p.m. (including dinner), plus a retreat Saturday, May 20, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. There is no charge, but reservations are required by visiting basilicaparishtv.org/christlife or contact Kristina Davies at 724-539-8629, ext. 19, or Kristina.davies@stvincent.edu.

PRAYER FOR EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

All Lord Jesus, You are the living bread who satisfies the hunger of the human heart. In the Eucharist, the bread and wine become Your Body and Blood, the gift of Yourself to the Church. Deepen our faith in Your Eucharistic presence and strengthen us as members of the Church, the Body of Christ. As we encounter and revere Your Eucharistic presence, open us to the needs of our brothers and sisters here and everywhere throughout the world. Help us to reveal Your love, Your promise, Your presence to them by our lives and in all we say and do. Amen.



MASS INTENTIONS

For March 25 thru March April 2



SATURDAY, MARCH 25

4:00 pm (Lucernemines) †Gary Welsh (Monica Rura)
6:00 pm (Coral) ProPopulo

SUNDAY, MARCH 26

9:00 am (Coral) †Ann Stipcak (Children)
11:00 am (Lucernemines) †James Yanoscsik (Loving wife, Mimi & Family)

MONDAY, MARCH 27- NO MASS

TUESDAY, MARCH 28- Coral

8:00 am †Bernard Murray (Bob & Cookie Choma)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29- Coral

8:00 am †Eleanor Hirko (Family)

7:00pm REGIONAL PENANCE-St. Thomas More (Indiana)

THURSDAY, MARCH 30- Coral

8:00 am †John A Pavlik (Holly Donahue)

7:00pm REGIONAL PENANCE-Holy Family (Seward) & St. Sylvester (Slickville)

FRIDAY, MARCH 31- Coral

8:00 am †James Donahue (Tieng Bui Donahue)

12:00pm Stations of the Cross -Coral

6:00pm Adoration-Lucerne

6:30pm Confession-Lucerne

7:30pm Stations of the Cross-Lucerne

FIRST SATURDAY, MARCH 31

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 1 PALM SUNDAY-PASSION OF THE LORD

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, March 31-3:00pm (Lucerne)
Sunday, April 1-8:30am (Coral)



Mass Attendance

MAR 18 & 19, 2023	OFFERTORY
Adult, Loose, Children & Online Giving	\$5716.00
Votive Candles	\$110.00
Maintenance	\$132.00
Catholic Accent	\$145.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$5.00
Holy Thursday	\$10.00
Good Friday	\$10.00
Easter	\$20.00
Flowers	\$100.00
Cemetery	\$40.00

Lucerne

Mar 18, 4pm—90
Mar 19, 11am—85

Coral

Mar 18, 6pm—52
Mar 19, 9am—95