SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



Our Lady of the Assumption

A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust



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Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have be-



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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



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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 George Voytek

by Cindy, Georgette & Families (Coral)

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Rose Polczynski by Mimi Yanoscsik (Lucernemines)

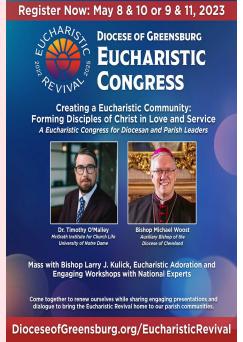
The Host is in memory of James Yanoscsik by Janice Yanoscsik (Coral)

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Frank & Mary Gatskie By the Gatskie Family (Lucernemines) PAGE 2 APRIL 16, 2023

Taste and Tour Meeting

Our next fundraiser will be held on Sunday, May 21st. A planning meeting will be held at 3:00 Tuesday, April 18th in the Coral hall. Please consider sharing a favorite family recipe. We plan to have a variety of foods, preferably with an ethnic background, to sample. Volunteers will be needed to help prepare and serve the food



SAVE THE DATE—September 17, 2023 for the Assumption Homecoming!

A "homecoming" is being planned for all present and past members of both St. Louis and St. Francis can gather and celebrate together. We will have an afternoon filled with food and fun! Be sure to have your family and friends who are no longer in the immediate area to save the date too!

Mass Attendance Lucerne

Apr 8, 4pm—86 Apr 8, 7am—78 Apr 9, 11am—100 Coral

Apr 8, 8:30pm—120 Apr 9, 9am—246 Dear Parishioners,

Two Nuns and A Divine Gift

If there ever was a determined force in twentieth century Catholic Church matters, both nationally and internationally, one person stands above all others yielding influence and commanding attention both by church leaders and by laity alike. This nun may have resided in a convent in a southern state

with a small population of Catholics, but she broadcast every thought, aspiration, and idea she received; the cloistered (American style) Poor Clare of Perpetual Adoration nun, Mother Angelica showed a formidable will that shrewdly calculated for and established another narrative about contemporary Catholicism. At some point, she challenged her fellow Catholics and criticized the bishops and priests for abandoning generations of tested Catholic faith practice in favor of untested ways based on a liberal agenda that was abandoning the moral high ground and firm commitments to the Lord of Life.

Among the programs Mother Angelica discovered and fostered, one stands out. Mother's **Eternal World Television Network** quickly and thoroughly **popularized the praying of the Divine Mercy Chaplet**, a devotion that another religious woman, Sister Faustina, received in a personal revelation from the Lord in the 1930s and which we associated clearly with St. Pope John Paul II and with Sr. Faustina. You may see images, paintings of Jesus standing with a welcoming gesture, with blood and water emanating from Jesus' wounded side. Beneath the painting somewhere, either below or above, we read the words, "Jesus, I trust you."

When I traveled, whether to Italy, Germany, India, Australia, Papua New Guinea, Mexico, Canada, Costa Rica, Puerto Rico, Cuba, and Vatican City, everywhere I found reproductions of the painting showing Jesus seeking us, maybe inviting us to be with him. Somehow, this devotion speaks universally. But what is the devotion and what does it say to us and what does it ask us to believe?

Sr. Faustina heard God reiterate to her that the Father is disturbed that so many persons have turned away from God and found themselves unmindful of the glory to which God has called them. In her spiritual diary, she describes **God growing angry** with the people who seem to have passed over Jesus' Suffering/Death/Resurrection for the sake of license for freedom without accountability. Jesus, after all, gives Himself to us in the Eucharist for our salvation. However, Sister heard Jesus say to her that "The Feast of Mercy emerged from my very depths of tenderness. It is my desire that it solemnly be celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. **Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the fount of My** Mercy." The Lord Jesus forgives us our sins in the Sacrament of Confession and speaks to us through the Sacred Scriptures and through His Church. Sister says that Jesus taught her with exact words to pray at the hour on which he handed himself over for us on the Cross: *Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world*. And, on the 10 Small Beads of Each Decade: *For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world*.

A late priest-friend used to remind me that **Good Friday is the penultimate feast of Mercy**, as the fulfillment of the prophecies and as the Father awaiting the Prodigal children. The Sunday after Easter God gave us the Sacrament of Reconciliation for forgiveness in our lives.

Our age seems to need a special reminder of the wondrous mercy of God towards us. And, just consider how God spoke to Sister throughout the rise of fascism and a Nazi killing-machine. God did not then offer false hope, nor does he do so now. Eternal Life with God awaits us because of Jesus' sacrifice on our behalf. Pray that many may meet Jesus and choose to give their wills to the intentions of the Lord for us all.

Father John

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA/RCIA)

Next Session: Tuesday, April 18th @7:00pm

Faith Formation 2023

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

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

5:30pm-7:30pm Grades 6-7 plus Youth Group (grades 8-12)
IUP Holocaust Remembrance Committee Presentation/The Butterfly Project

ENRICHMENT SERIES: SAVE THE DATES (updated)

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, 5/25, 6/1, and 6/8 (whole group). 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 served

May 3rd "Jesus Revolution"

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

STUDENTS IN THE NEWS

Congratulations to **Olivia Zimmerman**, a junior at Indiana High School, who was recently honored as IRMC's Athlete of the Week in the Indiana Gazette!

PLUS Mini Writing Workshop ("Rebirth and Renewal") Jeannine Pitas

Author of <u>or/and Poems</u> and <u>Things Seen and Unseen</u>
Catholic Poet, Translator, Professor of Literature at St. Vincent College
Sunday, May 7th from 2pm-4pm in Podowski Hall
Light refreshments will be provided. Free will offering welcome.

To register for this event, please contact <u>cmarcoline@dioceseofgreensburg.org</u>
or call the Parish Office at 724-479-9542, Ext. 15.

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Scholarship Applications have been mailed to all high school seniors who are registered at our Parish. If you did not receive the application packet, please contact cmarcoline@dioceseofgreensburg.org or call the Parish Office at 724-479-9542, Ext. 15 as soon as possible. The deadline to submit the application is May 15th.

Congratulations, Marlene!

Marlene Kovalcik received First Communion during the Easter Vigil as part of the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA/RCIA). Her

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husband, Dan, is her sponsor. Marlene will complete her Sacraments of Initiation on Pentecost when she will receive Confirmation, and be fully received into the Catholic Church. Please keep Marlene in your prayers as she continues her instruction.



HAPPENINGS AROUND THE DIOCESE

World Day of Prayer will be observed on Sunday, April 30, 2023

also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaco-



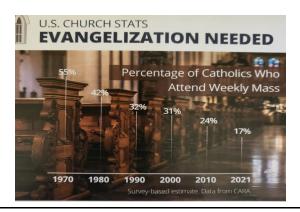
nate, religious life, and societies of apostolic life or secular institutes.

Divine Mercy Sunday liturgy April 16 at Christ Our Shepherd Center

Bishop Larry J. Kulick invites the faithful of the Diocese to join with him in a celebration of God's mercy on Sunday, April 16, Divine Mercy Sunday. The liturgy is scheduled for 2 p.m. in St. Joseph Chapel at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed during this time of Eucharistic Adora-



tion. Weather permitting, there will be an outdoor Eucharistic procession. Bishop Kulick's April Faithful Challenge is self-care. Be patient and kind with yourself. Nurturing your spiritual, mental, physical, and emotional health makes you stronger and enables you to better serve others.



2023 Diocesan Lenten Appeal as of 4/8/2023

Total Pledged: \$53,760.00

Diocesan Goal: \$50,231.00

Number of Gifts: 205 107.0% of Diocesan Goal

87.8% 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

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MASS INTENTIONS

For April 15 thru April 23

SATURDAY, APRIL 15

4:00 pm (Lucernemines) ⊕Carmella Clark (Daughter, Patty Ferra) 6:00 pm (Coral) ⊕Dorothy Halmes (Tom & Terri Tedeschi)

SUNDAY, APRIL 16

9:00 am (Coral) ProPopulo 11:00 am (Lucernemines) ⊕George Stelma (Daughter, Chris)

MONDAY, APRIL 17- NO MASS

TUESDAY, APRIL 18- Coral

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19- Coral

THURSDAY, APRIL 20- Coral

FRIDAY, APRIL 21- Coral

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

4:00 pm (Lucernemines) ⊕Richard Englert (Wife, Cathy Englert) 6:00 pm (Coral) Living & Deceased Members of Sr. Br 317 and F.C.S.L.A. Jr. Br 209 (F.C.S.L.A.)

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

9:00 am (Coral) ProPopulo 11:00 am (Lucernemines) ⊕Michael & Pauline Gatskie (The Gatskie Family)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, April 22-3:00pm (Lucerne) Sunday, April 23-8:30am (Coral)

	OFFERTORY 4/1-4/2	OFFERTORY 4/7-4/10
Adult, Loose, Children & Online Giving	\$7651.00	\$8845.07
Votive Candles	\$128.00	\$225.00
Maintenance	\$105.00	\$313.00
Catholic Accent	\$4.00	\$9.00
Flowers	\$25.00	\$25.00
Holy Thursday	\$317.00	\$885.00
St Vincent DePaul		\$5.00
Good Friday	\$217.00	\$855.00
Easter	\$475.00	\$5380.00
Ascension		\$5.00
Blessing of Bskets		\$143.00
Cemetery	\$261.00	85.00

