



Our Lady of the Assumption

A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg
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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

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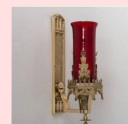
Jesus said:

"Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate but climbs over elsewhere is a thief and a robber. But whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice.



**The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of
John A Pavlik
By Rosalie Adamson (Coral)**

It's an honor to have a loved one memorialized by sponsoring the host and/or the sanctuary candle. There are openings at Lucerne & Coral for the Host and at Coral for the Candle. Complete one of the forms located at each entrance of each church and drop it in the offertory basket along with a stipend of \$10.00



Christian Mothers will be meeting on May 2nd , 7:00pm in Coral.

Welcome to **Norb Rayko** who started as the part time groundskeeper for the cemeteries. Norb is a member of the Church of the Good Shepherd in Kent. If you happen to see him, welcome him aboard!

Taste Traveler Event



Take a quick tour around the world by sampling ethnic foods from various countries on Sunday, May 21st from noon until 3 pm in the Coral Hall. There will be a variety of homemade foods for you to sample that have been prepared by our parishioners. Come taste favorites from Poland, Italy, Mexico, Vietnam, Cuba, Germany, Ireland and the USA. Tickets are \$18.00 each and can be purchased at the parish office or after some of the weekend masses. No tickets will be sold on the day of the event. It is not too late to donate a dish. There is also a need for volunteers that day. Contact Terri at 724-459-8977 if you are able to volunteer to help.

Coffee and donuts will be served Sunday, May 7 after the 9 a.m. mass in Coral. Come share in this wonderful social event!!



The Altar Rosary Society will be meeting Tuesday, May 2 in Podowski Hall. The rosary will be recited at 6:45 p.m. with the meeting to follow. Present & new members are urged to attend!

God Bless Danielle Rura & Alex Tarr on their marriage, May 6, 2023.

URGENT NEED

We are currently in need of advertisers for the back page of our church bulletin. Without advertisers, the contract that we currently have with LPI will NOT be renewed. Contact information to place an add is on the back page of this bulletin. Please pass the word.

The Parish office will be open until noon on May 4th and until 1:00pm on May 5th & 8th.



Dear Parishioners,
In communion with...

This past Monday, April 25, I received a “chain e-mail” passed around to at least ten or fifteen guys whom I taught in High School in the early 1980s. One man, a priest in the Archdiocese of Baltimore, started the connection as he recalled that April 25 was the feast day of the patron saint of the high school, St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, a Capuchin Franciscan martyred in Switzerland in 1622 after preaching too effectively against the Calvinist heresy afflicting Catholic believers. Before devoting himself to religious life and the priesthood, Mark (who was given the name “Fidelis,” or “Faithful”) had worked to educate and to lead youth. Right afterwards, Mark became a lawyer earned the nickname of “Attorney to the Poor.” Disturbed with the corruption he found in the legal system, Mark became “Fidelis” by joining the young Capuchin-Franciscan community where he was urged, in the words of scripture, “to be faithful until death.” He discovered another “voice” within himself, beyond advocacy for youth and for justice, a voice for the Holy Gospel and Jesus as the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

The alumni of St. Fidelis in Herman, Pennsylvania, remembered the Catholic/Christian education they received there in Butler County **and the sense of belonging** they felt and shared at the school. Indeed, I felt the same sense of belonging and found gratitude for a safe place to learn and to develop my own leadership skills, accompanied by teachers, professors, and staff who genuinely cared about me and my peers. What a privilege to eventually become one of the teachers at this school.

Fully forty-plus years afterwards, **I still sense a bond** with the Patron Saint and with all of those who studied together there. Like all of us at a school reunion, we remember young faces and inexperienced personalities; but we remember real people who became our friends and companions. So, the e-mails on Monday touched me because the **bond we sensed amounts to what theologians described as “communio,”** something that translates into English as “collectivity” or “participation.” In a verb form, *communio*, means “to fortify strongly” or “establish.” I think that either definition fails to communicate well enough the **connectivity that comes of true fraternal communio**. One description of communio says that “communio directs our present task and points to our future goal.”

In advocating for a renewed sense of God’s presence to us in the Holy, Mysterious Divine Moments in our lives in Holy Communion, **I am convinced that a real meeting takes place when you and I celebrate Mass together and when we await God who strongly desires to be with us.** Do we know, in a personal way, Jesus the Christ, as Roman Catholics? We sure do. Undoubtedly. And **Jesus the Savior, knows, greets, and meets us personally and collectively in a deeply loving manner, even by name,** in the sacred Sacrament we consume. We name as sacred what makes us look like Christ because at Holy Mass, Jesus is raised up to draw us to himself.

If you are following my line of reasoning here, **I am saying that God wants communio with us** here at Assumption Parish whether we worship at 4 PM or at 6 PM on Saturday or at 9 AM or at 11 AM on Sunday. **God does not want an unwilling, untrusting presence.** Like alumni of some past common experience, we come to worship God and discover that **God works harder to reach us than we work to reach out to touch God.** Our meeting God isn’t just about a distant memory of something good, but about a living reality now and a living hope for our future. One orthodox theologian says that **when people communicate with God,** God produces a **transformation, a transfiguration** of the person seeking God. **Real Presence amounts to something that God introduces to us, astonishing us with a reality we only dare hope to achieve.** Worshipers with one another regularly, we share a common beginning, a common history, and a common conclusion.

St. Angela of Foligno says that *“If we but paused for a moment to consider attentively what takes place in this Sacrament, I am sure that the thought of Christ’s love for us would transform the coldness of our hearts into a fire of love and gratitude.”* Recalling the young men with whom I worked and ministered so long ago, my soul rejoices to find a divinely ordered plan for all of us that brings us home to God’s abiding love.

Father John

PARISH & FAMILY LIFE INFORMATION

Keeping YOU up to date

Faith Formation 2023

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

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

May 7th

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

May 14th

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

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

May 21st

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

May 28th

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!*

Poetry Reading

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

Author of *Or/And Poems* and *Things Seen and Unseen*
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.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA/RCIA)

Next Session: Tuesday, May 2nd @7:00pm

ENRICHMENT SERIES: SAVE THE DATES

Our current Bible Study series, The Healing Stories of Jesus, will be held on the following Thursdays: 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!

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 cmarco@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.

Students in the News

Joe Succheralli and **Justley Sharp**, both seniors at Homer Center, were recently named Kiwanis Club Seniors of the Month! Congratulations!

Holocaust Presentation/The Butterfly Project

Our Youth Group will be hosting IUP's Holocaust Remembrance Committee on April 30th in Podowski Hall from 5:30pm-7:30pm. Two speakers will share their family's experiences during the Holocaust from different perspectives. Following their presentation, we will be painting ceramic butterflies honoring the lives of children who perished in the Holocaust. (Of the 11 million victims, 1.5 million were children). The Butterfly Project is being sponsored by the Holocaust Center in Pittsburgh who provided the materials for this global project through a grant. Please consider attending this very powerful presentation!

As Pope John Paul II stated "...we wish to remember for a purpose, namely, to ensure that never again will evil prevail, as it did for the millions of innocent victims of Nazism...to remember is to pray for peace and justice and to commit ourselves to their cause. Only a world at peace, with justice for all, can avoid repeating the mistakes and terrible crimes of the past. The world must heed the warning that comes to us from the victims of the Holocaust and from the testimony of the survivors."



First Communicants

Best wishes to our second grade students who will be receiving their First Holy Communion during the 11:00am Mass at Lucernemines on Sunday, May 7th! Please keep **Nathaniel Rowland**, **Addison Alexander**, and **Mila Romanish** in your prayers as they continue their preparations to receive the Eucharist!



HAPPENINGS AROUND THE DIOCESE

Registration open for Eucharistic Congress

Registration is open for the Diocese of Greenburg's Eucharistic Congress. "Creating a Eucharistic Community: Forming Disciples of Christ in Love and Service" will feature engaging workshops, speakers and national experts who will provide insight into fostering a Eucharistic culture in parishes, schools and the Diocese. Diocesan and parish staff and members of the general public can select from one of two sessions: May 8-10 or May 9-11. To view a list of speakers, visit [DioceseofGreenburg.org/EucharisticRevival](https://dioceseofgreenburg.org/EucharisticRevival). Attendance is free for the first 400 people to register

Transformation – A Men's Prayer Gathering set May 1

On Monday, May 1, gather with men from throughout the Diocese of Greensburg and be renewed in your faith journey. "Transformation – A Men's Prayer Gathering" will begin at 6:45 p.m. at St. Vincent Basilica Parish (downstairs in the crypt). Take a break from your hectic schedule and be renewed with leadership development, spiritual growth, prayer, music, Eucharistic Adoration and Reconciliation. The gathering will conclude at 9 p.m. There is no charge to attend.

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.

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) recently urged Congressional lawmakers to increase funding for international humanitarian aid and development assistance in the 2024 foreign aid appropriations, citing the devastating impacts of climate change on the world's most vulnerable families. "We witness the devastation of drought and desertification, flooding and cyclones, and food insecurity and famine," the testimony stated. "We urgently take up the Pope's call to combat climate change and ensure food security for all." Please visit www.crs.org for more information and to see how you can help!

Continue to spread the word! The Homecoming! September 17th, past and present member of both St Francis & St Louis parishes are invited to celebrate coming home. Tell your friends and family members to come home and have an afternoon of fun and getting reacquainted with old friends.

2023 Diocesan Lenten Appeal as of 4/22/2023

Total Pledged: \$57,485.00

Diocesan Goal: \$50,231.00

Number of Gifts: 237 118.4% of Diocesan Goal

99.1% 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

MASS INTENTIONS

For April 29 thru May 7



SATURDAY, APRIL 29

4:00 pm (Lucernemines) †Elvira Martini
(Daughter, Mary)
6:00 pm (Coral) ProPopulo

SUNDAY, APRIL 30

9:00 am (Coral) †Aldo & Katherine Tedeschi (Tom & Terri)
11:00 am (Lucernemines) †Rocco & Lena Riscinto (Ed & Patty)

MONDAY, MAY 1- NO MASS

TUESDAY, MAY 2- Coral

8:00 am †Rose Vilcek (Family)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3- Coral

8:00 am †Pauline Checlosky (Peg McHenry)

THURSDAY, MAY 4- Coral

8:00 am †Rick Adamson (Mother Rosalie, Sisters & Brothers)

FIRST FRIDAY, MAY 5- Coral

8:00 am †John Pavlik (Rosalie Adamson)
11:30am Confession
12:00pm Benediction

FIRST SATURDAY, MAY 6

8:00 am (Lucerne) †Barbara Dusoirito (Leslie Callan)
1:00 pm (Lucerne) Marriage of Danielle Rura & Alex Tarr
4:00 pm (Lucernemines) †Pauline Wilson (John & Rosalie Bertolino)
6:00 pm (Coral) †Joseph A Mitchell (Greg & Chris Mitchell)

SUNDAY, MAY 7

9:00 am (Coral) †Angelo & Mary Lorelli (Fred, Toni & Family)
11:00 am (Lucernemines) ProPopulo
First Holy Communion

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, May 6-3:00pm (Lucerne)

Sunday, May 7-8:30am (Coral)



APR 22 & 23, 2022	OFFERTORY
Adult, Loose, Children & Online Giving	\$5166.00
Votive Candles	\$153.75
Flowers	\$25.00
Maintenance	\$374.00
Catholic Accent	\$4.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$35.00
Communication Media	\$25.00
Holy Thursday	\$10.00
Good Friday	\$10.00
Easter	\$205.00
Ascension	\$61.00
Cemetery	\$185.00

Mass Attendance

Lucerne
Apr 22, 4pm—100
Apr 23, 11am--77

Coral
Apr 22, 6pm—66
Apr 23, 9am—109