



# 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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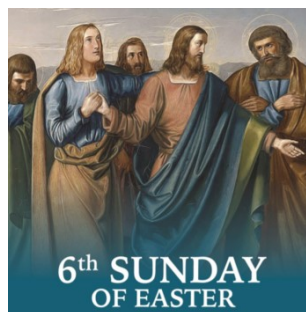
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Jesus said to his disciples:  
"If you love me, you will keep my command-  
ments.  
And I will ask the Father,  
and he will give you another Advocate to be with  
you always,  
the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept,  
because it neither sees nor knows him.  
But you know him, because he remains with you,  
and will be in you



The Sanctuary Candle burns in honor of  
this years First Holy Communion Class-L  
By Mike & Irene Grimes

The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of  
Mildred Thomas  
By Daughter, Peggy



**Tickets are still available!!**

Take a quick tour around the world by sampling ethnic foods from various countries on Sunday, May 21st from noon until 3 in the Coral Hall at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish. We will have a variety of homemade foods for you to sample that have been prepared by our parishioners. Featured will be favorites from Poland, Italy, Mexico, Vietnam, Cuba, Germany, Ireland and the USA, to name a few. Contact the parish office to reserve a ticket at 724-479-9542, ext. 10. Ticket cost is \$18.00 each. Only 150 tickets will be sold.

**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 to gather and celebrate. 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 or are members at another parish to save the date too! This celebration will be held at Red Barn Sportsman’s Club, 1248 6 Flat Rd, Homer City, PA 15748.

**FLOWERS FOR MOTHERS**

The Knights of Columbus will be distributing flowers to all mothers at all masses this weekend.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING**

The regular monthly meeting of the Knights of Columbus will be held on May 17, starting at 7pm. Meetings are held in the basement of the Lucerne site church. New members always welcome!

Members of the Altar Rosary Society will be praying the Rosary on the 13th of every month from May thru October at the Grotto in Lucerne. You do not need to be a member to attend. The first one will be Saturday, May 13th following the 4:00pm mass. Future times will be announced. Looking forward to seeing you there!

The Parish office will be closed on May 18th in observance of The Ascension of the Lord.

Volunteer needed to clean the parish office bi-weekly. Call the office at 724-479-9542 ext. 10 for more information.



Dear Parishioners,

**Bring Flowers of the Fairest**

Every May, Joe J. comes to mind. In my first year of graduate studies in theology (or, major seminary), I met Joe, of French-Canadian ancestry, and his Chinese wife and their two very bright teenaged sons, because my superiors assigned me to religious education and youth ministry at a Byzantine Catholic Parish in Washington. I recall Joe in May, a month dedicated to Mary, because he had an **unshakeable devotion to Mary, the Mother of God**. Joe had been scandalized by the behaviors of some parishioners and priests in his Roman Catholic Parish in Maryland; instead of giving up on God, **Joe migrated to the Byzantine Liturgy where he rejoiced to see reverence practiced and to learn how frequently in the Divine Liturgy (the Eucharistic “Mass”), prayers addressed the role of Mary in our “salvation.”** At a time in the Roman Mass when even pottery or glass chalices were approved for use, and when vestments went from brocade to casual polyester, the Byzantine Liturgies maintained without deviation the ancient reverent traditions.

I got to know Joe, a federal government employee, quite well over four years because he and his family kindly volunteered to pick me up at the monastery/seminary at the Catholic University campus and drive me and another friar to their parish. Our Capuchin monastery at the time had only two, six-seater Ford sedans and one van for about sixty friars and students, so Joe’s transportation enabled us to assist the parish. The rides were interesting **because Joe was not shy in sharing his theological opinions**.

Joe concluded that **if God took the Blessed Virgin Mary at her word**, and allowed the Word of all Life, the very Word of God, to be conceived in her womb, then **we ought to honor God’s choice to honor this one human being who brought forth the Savior from the conception by the Holy Spirit in her womb**. Joe frequently told me that in his personal theology, **Mary is the closest a human person has ever come to the Godhead**. He named the Blessed Virgin Mary **Unique (like no one else)**, and he envisioned Mary as sitting right below the Father, the Son, and the Spirit, in Joe’s thoughts, the next Person we love after the Holy Trinity.

At moments, Joe could go a bit too far with his reasoning, but he always returned to Catholic and Orthodox teachings regarding Mary. Actually, his position stems from one of the most ancient titles for Mary: “The *Theotokos*,” or “The Bearer of God” for us.

So, in May, so soon after Easter celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus from the tomb, Roman Catholics **honor this one human person** so close to the one God-Head. Catholics and Orthodox believers never confuse the honoring of Mary with “worship” of her. Don’t believe uninformed people who say that you worship Mary; they cannot think beyond their own limited constructs. We love and honor Mary first and foremost because from the Cross, Jesus asked us to accept her as our mother. Secondly, we love and honor Mary because **she loved and honored us by remaining with us**, that is by staying with the apostles. Some theologians marvel at the **mystery that this Virgin who carried Christ in her womb (thus termed the new tabernacle or meeting place of God with us) became and carried the Church**. Mary never points to herself, but always orients us to Jesus.

Pray the Rosary with its meditation on the Mysteries of our Faith and honor God by doing so.

Father John

## Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA/RCIA)

Next Session: Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> @7:00pm

### Faith Formation 2023

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

#### May 14<sup>th</sup>

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

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

#### May 21<sup>st</sup>

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

#### May 28<sup>th</sup>

**Summer Break begins for Faith Formation sessions.**

**Please watch emails and bulletin announcements for Summer Happenings in the Parish!**

### ENRICHMENT SERIES

Our current Bible Study series, The Healing Stories of Jesus, will continue on the following Thursdays: 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. The entire group is scheduled to meet at 6pm on June 8<sup>th</sup> for the wrap up session at Podowski Hall.

### Poetry Reading/Workshop

Thanks to everyone who participated in our poetry exchange with Jeannine Pitas on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. Jeannine's poetry served as a basis for writing prompts which were shared by willing members of the group. Topics ranged from food to family traditions among others. It was a delightful experience! Ms. Pitas is eager to work with us on another poetic adventure in the future!



### HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

The deadline to submit senior scholarship applications is May 15<sup>th</sup>.

### First Holy Communion

Congratulations to our Communicants who received the Eucharist for the first time on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>: Mila Romanish, Nathaniel Rowland, and Addison Alexander.

Special thanks to Christian Mothers and the Altar Rosary Society for providing refreshments following the Mass. Our heartfelt thanks to Ms. Irene Grimes, our second grade catechist, for working diligently with the children in preparation for this very special day!



## AROUND THE DIOCESE

### Next edition of The Catholic Accent to air on WPXI this month

Intentional Disciples, those who love and care for others with a purpose, are featured on the next edition of "The Catholic Accent" television program airing on WPXI, Channel 11, on Sunday, May 14, at 11:30 a.m. The program will also air on Sunday, May 21, and a half dozen more times on MeTV. Join Bishop Larry J. Kulick as he discusses the call of intentional discipleship locally and its role in the National Eucharistic Revival.

More than 1,000 people in one day visited Christ Our Shepherd Center in Greensburg to participate in a one-of-a-kind immersive experience. "The Catholic Accent" highlights other unique events in store for our faith community.

And, "The Catholic Accent" helps you plan your summer by featuring the upcoming festivals scheduled at parishes across the Diocese, including a special international food festival.

"The Catholic Accent" is always on at [TheAccentOnline.org](http://TheAccentOnline.org).

Bishop Mark L. Bartchak of the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese invites priests and deacons from the Diocese of Greensburg to attend a special one-day parish renewal event called Unlocked Tuesday, June 20, at Our Mother of Sorrows Parish, Johnstown. For details and to register, visit [divinerenovation.org/events](http://divinerenovation.org/events).

### Healing prayer service set May 19 at St. Paul Parish, Greensburg

Hem of His Garment will lead a healing prayer service Friday, May 19, at 6:30 p.m. at St. Paul Parish, Greensburg. The evening includes Eucharistic exposition, corporate prayer for healing, individual prayer ministry, and praise and worship. For information, contact Kim Hutchins at [hutchins@hssop.org](mailto:hutchins@hssop.org), 412-817-5465 or [hemofhisgarment.org](http://hemofhisgarment.org)

Catholic Relief Services and USAID have recently trained representatives from the city government of Borongan on climate change communication. These representatives are now encouraging community members to take part in climate actions and become advocates of change. The participants were able to create their own climate change communication plans. Visit [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org) for more information and to see how you can help!

### Thank you to everyone who helped in making our goal!!

**2023 Diocesan Lenten Appeal as of 5/6/2023**

**Total Pledged: \$61,465.00**

**Diocesan Goal: \$50,231.00**

**Number of Gifts: 252                      122.4% of Diocesan Goal**

**100.4% 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 May 13 thru May 21



**SATURDAY, MAY 13**

4:00 pm (Lucernemines) Suffragia-Robert McCreary  
 6:00 pm (Coral) †Dorothy Halmes (Ann Marie, John & Ted)

**SUNDAY, MAY 14**

9:00 am (Coral) ProPopulo  
 11:00 am (Lucernemines) †Jonathan Rado (Stephanie Reed)

**MONDAY, MAY 15 - NO MASS**

**TUESDAY, MAY 16 - Coral**

8:00 am †Beverly Zoldak (Children-Carolyn, Laura & Johnny)

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 17 - Coral**

**Vigil Mass—THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**  
 7:00 pm †Betty Guerry (Ciranni & Ratay Families)

**THURSDAY, MAY 18 - THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

8:00 am (Coral) †Rose Polczynski (Michael & Kathleen DeSantis)  
 7:00 pm (Lucerne) †Pauline Checlosky  
 (Stan, Peggy & Anna Mae Lucas)

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

**FRIDAY, MAY 19- Coral**

8:00 am †Edward Hirko Sr (Family)

**SATURDAY, MAY 20**

4:00 pm (Lucernemines) †Brian Rougeux (John & Hollie Uccellini)  
 6:00 pm (Coral) †Teresa Yancy (Children & Grandchildren)

**SUNDAY, MAY 21**

9:00 am (Coral) ProPopulo  
 11:00 am (Lucernemines) †Antonian Ferrent (Nieces)

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday, May 20 -3:00pm (Lucerne)  
 Sunday, May 21-8:30am (Coral)



MAY 6 & 7, 2023	OFFERTORY
Adult, Loose, Children & Online	\$7666.20
Votive Candles	\$123.50
Maintenance	\$82.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$25.00
Communication Media	\$5.00
Ascension	\$60.00
Cemetery	\$311.00

**Mass Attendance**

**Lucerne**  
 May 6—4pm—81  
 May 7—11am—112

**Coral**  
 May 6—6pm—46  
 May 7—9am—117