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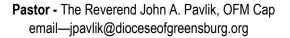


Our Lady of the Assumption

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Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you."
When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.
Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you.
As the Father has sent me, so I send you."
And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them,

"Receive the Holy Spirit.

Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."



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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

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The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of Jemma Zicha-L by the Zicha Family & Marie Greczik-C by Darrick Bertig

The Host is in memory of Jemma Zicha-L by the Zicha Family & Joe & Emma Binando-C By Mel & Shirley Stella



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Altar Rosary Society Announcements

Coffee & donuts will be served after the 9 a.m. mass on Sunday, June 4. Please plan to come & enjoy!



Altar Rosary Society will meet on Wednesday, June 7 at 6:45 in the Lucerne church hall. This is the last meeting until September so please plan to attend! New members are always welcome!

The Parish office will be closed on Monday, May 29th in observance of Memorial Day.



Public Rosary Rally – Saturday, 17 June 2023, 10:00 a.m.: Join local-area Catholics in praying a public Rosary on the sidewalk in front of the Indiana County Courthouse, 825 Philadelphia Street. In this month of The Sacred Heart of Jesus, we will offer reparation for offenses against Our Lord and pray for His Divine Mercy. The Rally will occur rain or shine, so please dress appropriately. It will last approximately 45 minutes. Call/text Marianne 724-717-3278 with any questions.



"Not Your Ordinary Fashion Show"
The St. Vincent de Paul "Not Your Ordinary Fashion Show" luncheon, basket raffle, merchandise sale and

more is back! Mark your calendars for June 10, 2023, at St. Bernard Regional Catholic School from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at the Thrift Store during regular business hours beginning Monday, May 1. Basket donations are needed. Please contact Linda Previte at 724-422-5780 or liprevite@comcast.net to donate a basket.

Thank you to all who helped make our first Taste and Tour a success. Special thanks to the following individuals who prepared and generously donated dishes: Irene Grimes, Terri Griffith, Kitty Henry, Lauren Kushner, Cil Evansic, Terri Tedeschi, Cindy Michelone, Tieng Donahue, Frances Glebovic, Father John, Peggy Lucas, Peggy Watkins, Cindy Marcoline, Sam Arone, Christian Mothers and Altar Rosary Society.

Dear Parishioners,

I believe in the Holy Spirit

With Sunday Vespers or Evening Prayer on Pentecost, the Easter Season concludes. Those who remember liturgy in Latin and the hauntingly beautiful *Veni Creator Spiritus* may also remember that the large Christ-candle or Paschal Candle for which we kindled a new fire on Holy Saturday night was formerly extinguished after the reading of the Gospel account of Jesus'

Ascension. That candle – which also figures prominently in Baptism as individual candles for those baptized are lighted from the Paschal Candle and handed to the person baptized (adult) or to the parents and godparents. The priest or deacon, as he hands the candle off, says, "Receive the Light of Christ." This powerful symbol of Jesus as the Light of the World and as the Light of our Lives, is not extinguished until the Solemn Commemoration of the Saving Work of God concludes with the Solemnity of Pentecost at Sunday Vespers.

Why is the action important? Because in Catholic theology, we pray what we believe. And we believe that when Jesus ascended back to heaven, **he sent us another Real Presence of God in the Coming of the Holy Spirit.** The Solemnity of Pentecost commemorate that coming of the Holy Spirit.

With the scriptural references to a powerful, forceful wind, flames of fire, and with the only voices heard coming from fellow believers who the re-creating work of God use to overcome Babel with real communication, **Christians might be tempted to think of the Holy Spirit as a force or power alone**. Nothing could be further from the truth that God reveals to us.

As one Catholic blog puts it: What is the Holy Spirit? Good question. It's easy to think of the Holy Spirit as a powerful force from God. Or a mysterious aspect of God's life. It's confusing to many. So what is the Holy Spirit? The proper question is not "what" but "Who." "Who is the Holy Spirit" is the right question because the Holy Spirit is a Person. A divine Person. Equal in dignity and majesty with the Father and the Son. The Holy Spirit is one member of the Holy Trinity. As a Person, the Holy Spirit is one we can be in relation with. We can know and love the Holy Spirit just as we know and love the Father and the Son. And the Spirit loves us just as He loves the Father and the Son. Personhood means there is potential for love and union. The Holy Spirit has an intellect and will and with those characteristics freely knows and loves as God.

Another blog, this one aimed at a Catholic teen audience, authored by Trenton Mattingly, has this to say about the Holy Spirit: First things first, as with the Trinity, **know that no one can ever fully comprehend the Holy Spirit**. Like many things in the Catholic faith, it has an element of mystery to it. I don't mean the type of mystery where you shrug your shoulders and say, "Hmm, I don't know." I mean the type that is definitely understandable, but because of the infinite nature of God, we can't understand all of it.

After all, if it were possible to fit the entirety of God (or even just one of the three persons of the Holy Trinity) into our little brains, our God wouldn't be very impressive, would He? This is kind of like being blinded by light. You can know there is a sun, but if there is too much sunlight all at once, you'll find yourself unable to see much at all. Knowing that we can't ever fully take it all in should never stop us from trying to see what we can though. God has made our limited minds capable of understanding pieces of His infinite complexity for a reason, and trying our best to discover why can only make us more amazed and in love with Him.

When we are baptized, the heavens may not open up and God may not announce our identity, but the Holy Spirit does descend upon us and make a home inside our souls and is well pleased with us. Think about how incredible of a gift this is: The creator of the entire universe and everything in it has made a home inside of you. He has made a gift of Himself. Jesus promised us no less in John 14:20. And if the Holy Spirit is inside of us, and if the Holy Spirit is part of the flowing relationship of the Trinity, we suddenly find ourselves swept up in the greatest "dance of all time," the loving relationship of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

This love, if we are willing to accept it, slowly changes and transforms our mind and soul to be more aware and accepting of the incredible love of God. As Pope Benedict XVI once advised, "Let us invoke the Holy Spirit: he is the artisan of God's works. Let his gifts shape you!"

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Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA/RCIA) SAVE THE DATE

Inquiry Session for those considering becoming Catholic tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, June 27th at 7pm at Podowski Hall.

Faith Formation 2023

May 28th: 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, <u>The Healing Stories of Jesus</u>, will continue on the following Thursdays: 6/1, and 6/8 (whole group). On June 1st, our morning session will be held in the Coral Social Hall immediately following the 8am Mass. Our evening session will begin at 6pm in Podowski Hall at the Lucernemines worship site. On June 8th, the entire group is scheduled to meet at 6pm for the wrap up session at Podowski Hall.

2023 High School Graduates

If you are planning to attend the June 4th 11am Mass at Lucernemines in honor of your graduation, please contact cmarcoline@dioceseofgreensburg.org
at your earliest convenience if you have not already done so.

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR FAITH FORMATION "TEAM!!!"

which includes
Families and Students
Christian Mothers/Altar Rosary Society/Knights of Columbus
Support and prayers from parishioners
Parish Staff

Student Assistants: Ella Kuchner, Libby Brown and Cora Kushner Elementary/Middle School/Youth Group Catechists



Terri Tedeschi, Mary Kay Yarchak, Irene Grimes, Lauren Kushner, Cindy Marcoline, and Peggy Watkins (absent from photo).

EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES OF THE WORLD EXHIBIT--June 9th through June 11th

This exhibit, to be displayed in Podowski Hall at our Lucernemines worship site, is a physical presentation of the Eucharistic Miracles website created by Blessed Carlo Acutis. Carlo Acutis was an Italian Catholic youth and website designer, who is best known for documenting Eucharistic Miracles around the world and cataloguing them onto a website which he created before his death in 2006 from leukemia at the age of 15. He was noted for his cheerfulness, computer skills, and deep devotion to the Eucharist which became a core theme of his life. Carlo Acutis was beatified on October 10th, 2020, and is currently being considered for canonization. This Exhibit is accompanied by a first class relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis. Admission is free. Resources will be available for children and teens. Plan to stop by and learn more about the Eucharistic Miracles our Lord has worked in the world! Watch our bulletin for more details!



Blessed Carlo Acutis
BORN: May 3, 1991
DIED: October 12, 2006
BEATIFIED: October 10, 2020

HAPPENINGS IN OUR 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 current edition of "The Catholic Accent" television program, always on at TheAccentOnline.org. 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.

Mass on the Lawn June 3 at St. James Parish, Apollo, June 4 at Our Lady, Queen of Peace Parish, East Vandergrift

St. James Parish, Apollo, will celebrate the 4:30 p.m. Mass on the lawn Saturday, June 3. Our Lady, Queen of Peace Parish, East Vandergrift, will celebrate the 11 a.m. Mass on the lawn Sunday, June 4. Those attending should take chairs or blankets. Ice cream sandwiches will be served afterward. In case of inclement weather, Mass will be celebrated in the church. For information, 724-478-4958.

Millions in Catholic school tuition assistance available

SPREAD THE NEWS! The 12 Diocese of Greensburg Catholic schools now have millions of dollars in tuition assistance available! Become a TOP Student today. Visit www.CatholicSchoolsGuide.org or call 724-552-2565.

Oldies dance June 2 at St. Thomas More University Parish, Indiana

St. Thomas More University Parish, Indiana, will host an oldies dance Friday, June 2, from 7-10 p.m. at Indiana Country Club. DJ Mike Miller, Mixmaster, will provide music. Refreshments will be provided and there will be a cash bar. Tickets \$25 per person. For information, call 724-349-1306 or 724-463-2277.

Catholic Charities to host youth and family resource fair

Catholic Charities will host Youth and Family Generous Hearts Resource Fair Monday, June 5, from 10 am.-3 p.m. in the Catholic Charities parking lot at 711 East Pittsburgh Street, Greensburg, PA., 15601.

As federal debt ceiling negotiations continue about how best to manage the budget deficit, **Catholic Relief Services** and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) sent a letter urging Congress to protect poverty-reducing assistance. "This budget debate must keep before it those who are jobless, hungry, fleeing violence, homeless or poor," the letter states. Visit www.crs.org for more information!

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MASS INTENTIONS

For May 27 thru June 4



SATURDAY, MAY 27

4:00 pm (Lucernemines) ⊕Michael Checlosky (Daughter, Kathy) 6:00 pm (Coral) ⊕Patricia Stelma (Daughter, Chris)

SUNDAY, MAY 28 PENTECOST SUNDAY

9:00 am (Coral) ⊕Candace Bertig (Darrick Bertig) 11:00 am (Lucernemines) ProPopulo

MONDAY, MAY 29-LUCERNEMINES MEMORIAL DAY

TUESDAY, MAY 30- Coral

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31- Coral

THURSDAY, JUNE 1- Coral

FIRST FRIDAY, JUNE 2- Coral

8:00 am ⊕Susan Guerry (Donna Gatskie) Adoration until noon 11:30 am Confession 12:00 om Benediction

FIRST SATURDAY, JUNE 3

8:00 am ⊕Stella Yarkowski (Anonymous)-**Lucernemines** 4:00 pm (Lucernemines) ProPopulo

6:00 pm (Coral) ⊕John "JR" Reed (Scott Radakovich)

SUNDAY, JUNE 4

9:00 am (Coral) ⊕Brian Rougeux (John & Hollie Uccellini) 11:00 am (Lucernemines) ⊕Gary Welsh (Terry Kerr) Graduation Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, June 3-3:00pm (Lucerne) Sunday, June 4-8:30am (Coral)

MAY 20 & 21	OFFERTORY
Adult, Loose, Children & Online Giving	\$6233.00
Votive Candles	\$91.00
Maintenance	\$45.00
Diocesan Collection	\$302.00
Special Collection	\$911.00
Cemetery	\$85.00

Mass Attendance

	Lucerne
ı	May 17, 7pm—66
ı	May 18, 7pm—60
1	May 20, 4pm—103
	May 21, 11am—77
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	Coral
	Coral May 18, 8am—64
	May 18, 8am—64