



Our Lady of the Assumption

A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg
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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

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

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“Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?
The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own.
The Father who dwells in me is doing his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else, believe because of the works themselves. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father.”



Next Weekend, May 13 and 14 following all masses, Roni Salsa representing the Bethlehem Christian Families, a not-for-profit organization through Land of Peace, will be with us to speak about the Christina situation in the Holy Land. The goal of this mission is to help Christian families in the Holy Land and Churches in the Middle East who have been affected by the continuous violence and the depletion of tourist to the area. Crucifixes, rosaries, and religious articles, all made of Olive Wood, which is native to the Holy land and Bethlehem, are available to purchase. The sale of these goods will help them very much and will give you the opportunity to have something "authentic" from the Holy Land to help your personal devotion. For more information, please see www.bcfmission.com.

May 8th the Parish office will close at 1:00pm. May 9th and May 11th the office will be closed due to the staff attending the Eucharistic Congress in Greensburg.

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.

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.

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

Dear Parishioners,
I remember the wonderful time I had with all of you during my summer assignment there. I wish to extend an invitation to all of you to my Diaconate ordination. It will take place at the Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, 300 North Main Street, Greensburg, PA on May 20, at 10 am. Would you please pray for myself, Dave Slusarick, and John Torres who will be ordained to the Diaconate with me. Please also pray for Deacon Anderw Hamilton who will be ordained to the Priesthood on June 3.
God Bless,
Craig Alexander



Dear Parishioners,
A long line of witnesses to God...

Someone pointed out to me that he attended Sunday Mass at another Catholic church last week where he learned that the congregation had been instructed by their priest to pray the Apostles' Creed in place of the Nicaean Creed during the Eastern Season. He wondered why we didn't do the same. I replied that the option is a legitimate option but not an obligatory one. Honestly, however, I was thinking practically about not wishing to invited confusion over the text to be prayed.

We Catholics follow the lead of our ancestor-believers who recognized that telling one another **what we believe, and, therefore, what we do not believe**, keeps us **closer to Christ**, the Center and the Summit of our faith. We **never accepted** that each of us is the "sole arbiter of belief" because **we believe together and hold one another accountable to the Faith that saves us**. We received that faith; we didn't make it up or determine it by our own personal reading of the Bible.

One church historian says that very early in Christian catechesis, in preparing candidates for baptism, bishops and priests formulated a "**Rule of Faith**" expressive of the **major tenants of faith in Jesus, Lord and Messiah**. Sounds like the roots of our own RCIA process to bring people to full communion of faith. **One** of these early documents has been preserved in the **writings of St. Irenaeus** (he died in 200) who famously **traced his own faith** back to the Apostle and Evangelist, **John**. Those who prepared these professions did so, the historian contends, because **not all aspects of belief had been defined**, for example, which scriptures made up the New Testament. The same historian also says that **people were getting the major portions wrong**, for example, was Jesus truly God and truly Man?

Why this focus on the Apostles' Creed? Just **how old** is that statement of what we believe? One scholar says that the final form we read dates to the 700s, **while the substance and most of the phrasing is another Baptismal credal statement used in Rome in the 100s, called the "Roman Symbol."** In the 300s, both St. Ambrose and St. Augustine urged their congregations to pray the Symbol daily, to keep themselves firmly rooted.

The Apostles' Creed uses some language not emphasized in the later Nicaean Creed, for example the phrase stating the Jesus "descended into hell," and the profession we make in "**the communion of saints.**"

One Orthodox church, the Antiochian, defines "communion of saints" thus: *When Christians depart this life, they remain a vital part of the Church, the Body of Christ. They are alive in the Lord and "registered in heaven" (Hebrews 12:23). They worship God (Revelation 4:10) and inhabit His heavenly dwelling places (John 14:2). In the Eucharist we come "to the city of the living God" and join in communion with the saints in our worship of God (Hebrews 12:22). They are that great "cloud of witnesses" which surrounds us, and we seek to imitate them in running "the race that is set before us" (Hebrews 12:1). Rejecting or ignoring the communion of saints is a denial that those who have died in Christ are still part of his Holy Church.*

By the time the Reformation rolls around, some "reformers" put forth their own novel explanations in preference to those of the apostolically founded church, for example in calling into question how physically dead "saints" can be alive and how any prayers offered through them might be efficacious. (Jesus had some answers in the gospels). Another Orthodox theologian says that we should always **distinguish worship of God** (think of our "Gloria" at Mass, in how we express our honor for God), **from intercessory prayer** in which we ask for assistance. **First, we ask Christ** for all that we seek, for He is a mediator for us. **But we believe that holy ones are present to God and so we easily, naturally, and gracefully ask them to intercede for us with Jesus.**

At our Second Vatican Council, the bishops affirmed the **living reality of the Communion of Saints, recognizing that "some of [Christ's] disciples are pilgrims on earth, others have died and are being purified, while still others are in glory."**

Pray the Apostles' Creed, fully aware of the faith you have in unity with generations of believers in Jesus, Lord, Savior, and Messiah and in unity with his saints.

Father John

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA/RCIA)

Next Session: Tuesday, May 16th @7:00pm

Faith Formation 2023

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

May 7th

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

First Communion for our second grade students

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

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 8th for the wrap up session at Podowski Hall.

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.

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

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

The deadline to submit senior scholarship applications is May 15th.

Students in the News

Congratulations to all of our scholars who were named to the honor roll for the third quarter at Indiana, Homer Center, and River Valley school districts. Keep up the great work!

Congratulations to **Macy Sardone** for being named to the all-state girls' basketball team as well as co-player of the year on the All-Gazette Girls' Basketball Team!

Holocaust Presentation/The Butterfly Project

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Holocaust presentation on April 30th. Dr. Shannon Shyrock and Simon Stuchlik from IUP's Holocaust Remembrance Committee shared family experiences during the Holocaust, and the importance of Holocaust Education and Awareness in these challenging times. Everyone painted butterflies honoring the lives of children who perished in the Holocaust as part of The Butterfly Project. Thanks to Frank's Flowers, our beautiful Painted Lady butterflies have shelter from the cold! They were released into their greenhouse on Monday morning!



AROUND THE DIOCESE

Dear Friends,

The clients and volunteers of the Homer City/Center Township Food Bank are grateful for your recent Meager Meals donation. Your generosity is much appreciated. Thank you for thinking of our community. Sincerely, Bonnie Craft and Kathy Daskivich

Thank you for your donation to Pathway Homeless Shelter.
ICCAP

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.

Registration open for Eucharistic Congress

Registration is open for the Diocese of Greensburg'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 DioceseofGreensburg.org/EucharisticRevival. Attendance is free for the first 400 people to register.

Chosen Indiana Catholic Youth Ministry will host a 2-mile color run/walk Sunday, May 21, at 4 p.m. at S&T Bank Arena. Proceeds will benefit St. Thomas More University Parish and the St. Bernard of Clairvaux Parish youth ministry program. Cost is \$20 until May 15, \$25 after. Those who register by May 8 are guaranteed a T-shirt. Color powder will be provided. For registration information, email Rachel Digmon at rdigmon@DioceseofGreensburg.org.

2023 Diocesan Lenten Appeal as of 4/29/2023

Total Pledged: \$60,120.00

Diocesan Goal: \$50,231.00

Number of Gifts: 241 119.7% of Diocesan Goal

98.2% 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 6 thru May 14



SATURDAY, MAY 6

4:00 pm (Lucernemines) †Pauline Wilson (John & Rose Bertolino)
 6:00 pm (Coral) †Joseph 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

MONDAY, MAY 8- NO MASS

TUESDAY, MAY 9- Coral

8:00 am For the health of Rosemarie Pavlik (Leonard & Cecile Evansic)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10- Coral

8:00 am †Thomas Thien V. Bui (Tieng Bui Donahue)

THURSDAY, MAY 11- Coral

8:00 am †Gary Welsh (Bo & Sandy DeCarlo)

FRIDAY, MAY 12- Coral

8:00 am †Deceased members of the Scribe family (Family)

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)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, May 13--3:00pm (Lucerne)
 Sunday, May 14--8:30am (Coral)



MAY 6 & 7, 2023	OFFERTORY
Adult, Loose, Children & Online Giving	\$5745.00
Votive Candles	\$137.00
Maintenance	\$24.00
Flowers	\$10.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$14.00
Home Mission	\$3.00
Comm Media	\$24.00
Eastern Europe	\$3.00
Ash Wednesday	\$10.00
Holy Thursday	\$5.00
Ascension	\$58.00
Cemetery	26.00

Mass Attendance

Lucerne
 May 6—4pm—82
 May 7—11am—79
Coral
 May 6—6pm—47
 May 7—9am—103