



Our Lady of the Assumption

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What is the Transfiguration?

The Transfiguration of Jesus is one of the key events in Jesus' life. He took three apostles – Peter, James, and John – up to a high mountain to pray. As they were praying, His appearance changed, and His clothes became “dazzling white.” At that point, Moses and Elijah appeared and spoke to the Lord about His upcoming death. A cloud overshadowed the group, and God the Father’s voice came from the cloud saying, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!”



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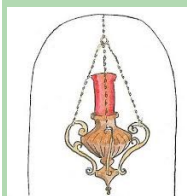
OFFICE HOURS
Monday thru Friday
9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Closed 1:00 pm– 2:00 pm
2:00-4:00 pm

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 Gasper & Pauline Vilcek—C by the Gatskie Family & Mary Jean Novak—L by Peggy Watkins

The Host is in memory of Goose Vilcek—C by Family



Coffee & Donuts! Will be served on August 6th after the 9am mass in Coral.



The Rosary will be recited at our Lucernemines site at the Grotto on Sunday, August 13th at 6:00 pm. Everyone is invited.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE END OF SUMMER BASH!

We are in need of volunteers to help on August 27th. It takes many hands to make this event a success. Please contact Terri at 724-459-8977 if you are able to help on Sunday, August 27th.



Women's tops (white tags excluded) are just \$1.00 this week at the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store. Located in the BiLo Plaza, the store is open Monday

through Saturday from 10am to 2pm. Donations are accepted at the back door from 10am to 1pm (space permitting)

Public Rosary Rally – Saturday, 19 August 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 St. In this month of The Immaculate Heart of Mary, we will beseech Our Blessed Mother to shelter under Her Mantle our families, community, and all returning students. The Rally will last about 45 minutes and will occur rain or shine, so please dress appropriately. Call/text Marianne 724-717-3278 with any questions.

Parish Homecoming News!

We hope that you are planning to attend our parish homecoming on Sunday September 17, and are extending invitations by word or mail to family and friends who are current or former parishioners! Please remember that pre-registration for the picnic and provided meal is required by September 1, so that we can order the proper amount of food. You may conveniently do so on-line at OLAHOMECOMING.COM, or by mail to the parish office. Registration cards and invitations are still available in the back of our churches.

We are also still seeking photos and stories involving the parish. They may be brought or sent to the parish office so that they can be copied and safely returned, or brought to the picnic for display.

Donations of bottled water and canned soft drinks for the picnic are welcome. Please bring them to the Coral social hall or the Lucerne church basement by Sunday, September 3. Your help will be appreciated!



Forty Hours to Feed Our Souls

Dear Parishioners,

Nearly forty years ago, a friend afflicted with MS developed a rich prayer life in which she felt that Jesus spoke to her heart when she prayed before a Tabernacle or before the Blessed Sacrament exposed in a monstrance. She gently chided me once by saying that I may not recognize how privileged I was to live in a house with a tabernacle. When she visited the friary, I learned to remind her and others that the chapel was open 24 hours daily. Much more recently, only a few years ago, one family in a parish recounted one way they taught their children about Jesus Christ "sacramentally present" in our Catholic churches by urging the kids, when the family traveled, to find the sanctuary candle burning in the sanctuary in proximity to the tabernacle with the phrase, "Gold Box [tabernacle], Red Light (sanctuary lamp) = Jesus Present; no Gold Box, no Red Light = "no Jesus."

Catholic "reserve" or keep consecrated Holy Communion in fitting safe places called "tabernacles" for two purposes: 1. To have the Holy Eucharist in order to take it to people unable to come to the church. And, 2. To permit prayer before the "Real Presence of Jesus" whenever we enter the place made holy by the Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Unlike Reformation churches, we Catholic long ago realized that the Holy Eucharist does not merely commemorate what Jesus did, but Jesus lives for us to redeem us. Once consecrated, the bread and wine do not return to an unconsecrated state as if the hosts have an expiration time and date stamped on them.

Whenever we entered a Catholic church where the Holy Eucharist was "reserved" both for prayerful adoration and for communion to the sick and shut-ins, we genuflected. If the door of the tabernacle were opened and if the sacrament was shown, we genuflected on both knees. Should the sacrament be carried in procession, we would kneel or genuflect and bowed our heads as the priest passed with the monstrance, that special sun-burst vessel holding the sacrament so the Eucharistic Lord might be seen by all. The principle applies here: our prayer and liturgical activity demonstrate what we believe. "You have the words of everlasting life."

The coming week, beginning on Monday evening, we will devote ourselves in our parish to an old custom once observed in our parishes annually, namely, "Forty Hours" of singular and communal prayer before the Sacrament "exposed" in our sanctuary. To be sure, we don't count the minutes and hours too stringently, but our actions reveal our intentions to spend some of our personal time with the Lord Jesus Christ. Time for adoration will occur from the conclusion of Mass until the conclusion of Evening Prayer (AKA, Vespers). During the day, we will pray some traditional devotions: Litanies to Jesus, a series of names and attributes of the Lord, any one of which might touch our hearts; a Rosary focusing on the Lord giving us the Holy Eucharist; the Divine Mercy Chaplet. We will also rest in quiet personal prayer. We will present new insights into the Sacrament based on displays of art of the Last Supper and on a new awareness of the Passover meal by seeing and tasting the other foods of Passover. The final evening, we will witness our faith in a short procession outdoors which celebrates the "sweetness of the Lord." We will also thank the Lord in fellowship sharing an ice cream social.

Sixty years ago, we Catholics carefully genuflected when we entered our churches. Every parish in our Diocese celebrated yearly three days of extended devotion to Jesus Christ whom we accepted as being "present" to us in sacramental signs and activities. Please participate as much as you are able in this revival of a precious gift in our Catholic faith. Our seminarians have worked hard to prepare these days of grace. Your presence will encourage them greatly.

Father John

SUMMER ENRICHMENT SERIES**The Chosen (Season #1)**

Join us for an exploration of the phenomenal series, *The Chosen*, based on the public ministry of Jesus and His powerful interaction with His apostles and those whose lives He touched. Our final session for Season 1 will be held on August 16th (Episode 8, *I Am He*) beginning at 6pm in Podowski Hall.

**STUDENTS IN THE NEWS**

Recent Homer Center graduates **Joseph Succheralli** and **Cameron Cavalier** were named recipients of the HC Alumni Scholarship! This Fall, Joe will be attending Penn State, and Cameron will be attending UPJ. Best of luck in your studies!

“Being a catechist is not a title; it is an attitude of abiding with him, and it lasts a lifetime! It means abiding in the Lord’s presence and letting ourselves be led by him.”
~Pope Francis

CATECHISTS NEEDED!

Share the love of your Faith with our **elementary students** as part of a dynamic catechetical team!

Our youngest disciples are eager to learn, and a joy to work with! No teaching experience required...only clearances and plenty of enthusiasm! Questions? Please contact Cindy at cmarco@dioceseofgreensburg.org
Faith Formation sessions will begin on Sunday, September 10th.
Help to foster the love of God in the hearts of our children!

**SERVICE HOURS FOR STUDENTS**

Service Hours will be available for students entering grades 6-12 at our upcoming Summer Bash on Sunday, August 27th. Students will have an opportunity to manage children’s games and prizes, distribute winning baskets, and more! Contact cmarco@dioceseofgreensburg.org to sign up to help out at anytime between 1pm-5pm!

SAVE THE DATE: BLESSING OF BACKPACKS

It’s almost that time of year! A blessing of backpacks will be held at all Masses during the weekend of August 19th/20th for students. Blessed tags for backpacks will also be distributed.

**ASSUMPTION CINEMA PRESENTS...**

Wednesday, August 23rd

Two Crowns

Life of St. Maximilian Kolbe whose Feast Day is August 14th

Wednesday, August 30th

The Way

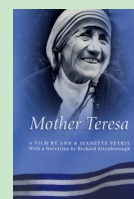
This is a powerful story about a father (Martin Sheen) who embarks on a historical pilgrimage on Spain’s Camino de Santiago to honor his deceased son’s desire to finish the journey.

Wednesday, September 6th

Mother Teresa (back by popular demand!)

Her Feast Day is September 5th

All movies will take place in Podowski Hall beginning at 6pm. Admission is free and light refreshments will be provided.



HAPPENINGS AROUND THE DIOCESE**Tickets on sale for Catholic Charities' Farm to Table Dinner Oct. 4**

Join Catholic Charities and Bishop Larry J. Kulick for the third annual Farm to Table Dinner, a celebration of bounty and fellowship, Wednesday, Oct. 4, from 6-9 p.m. at Cavallo Fields, Pleasant Unity. Cost is \$125 per person. Seating is limited. Menu and registration information can be found at ccharitiesgreensburg.org.

Patriotic rosary to be prayed Aug. 12 in Greensburg

The Greensburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (DCCW) will pray the patriotic rosary Saturday, Aug. 12, at 10 a.m. at the outdoor shrine of Our Lady of Fatima on the grounds of St. Emma Monastery, Greensburg. Everyone is welcome (bring a chair). For information, call Kathy Byron at 724-787-2415.

Tours of St. Vincent Basilica, Latrobe, planned Aug. 9

Steeler fans and community members are invited to tour St. Vincent Basilica Wednesday, Aug. 9, from 6-8 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Kristina Davies at 724-539-8629, ext. 19, or kristina.davies@stvincent.edu.

CRS Spotlight

In April 2023, armed conflict broke out between two warring factions in Sudan. The ongoing war has displaced over 3 million people internally and into neighboring countries. The resulting humanitarian crisis has limited people's access to food, clean water, healthcare and shelter. Over the past 3 months, CRS has distributed 2,942.5 metric tons of food from the World Food Programme to over 100,000 people in Central Darfur. Through this support, we anticipate nearly 40,000 people will benefit from improved food security. Please visit www.crs.org for more information!

International Food Festival at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg, Aug. 25

Join us for an International Food Festival to support priestly formation in the Philippines Friday, Aug. 25, at 5:30 p.m. at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg. Right now, nearly 20 Filipino priests serve as missionaries in parishes throughout the Diocese of Greensburg. Bishop Medil Sacay Aseo, Bishop of Tagum in the Philippines, will be present for the event. In 2018 Bishop Medil Aseo, then, Father Medil Aseo, was serving as Parochial Vicar of St. Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Kittanning, and St. Mary, Mother of God Parish, Yatesboro, when he was appointed by Pope Francis as Bishop.

The festival will celebrate his visit and give thanks for all our international priests, and will raise money to support the priestly formation program in the Diocese of Tagum, which has the largest group of priests serving our Diocese in our International Priests Program. Tickets are \$75 per person, which include samples of food from Italy, Eastern Europe and the Philippines, plus an entire room of desserts and two drink tickets. Sponsorship opportunities to help provide additional support to priestly formation in the Philippines are available. To purchase tickets or to sponsor the event, visit DioceseofGreensburg.org/foodfest.

MASS Intentions

FIRST SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

8:00 am (Lucernemines) †Betty Saiani (Irene & Sherry Renosky)
 4:00 pm (Lucernemines) †Louis Guerry
 (Wife Betty & daughter LuAnn)
 6:00pm (Coral) ProPopulo (for the people)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

9:00 am (Coral) †Dorothy & Tony DeJohn (Ann & Paul Esachina)
 11:00 am (Lucernemines) †Stella Yarkowski
 (Son Alex, Kathy & family)

MONDAY, AUGUST 7-Coral

6:00 pm ProPopulo (for the people)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8- Coral

8:00 am †Gasper & Pauline Vilcek(Gatskie family)
 6:00 pm Vespers

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9- Coral

8:00 am †Betty Guerry (Stan, Peggy & Anna Mae Lucas)
 6:00pm Vespers

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10 - Coral

8:00 am †Donna Kurcsics (Mimi Yanoscsik)
 6:00 pm Vespers

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11- Coral

8:00 am †Pauline Checlosky (Leonard & Cecile Evansic)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

1:00 pm Marriage of Stephanie Reed & Scott Radakovich-C
 4:00 pm (Lucernemines) ProPopulo (for the people)
 6:00 pm (Coral) †Ann Stipcak (Peg McHenry)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

9:00 am (Coral) †Phil, Eva & Yvonne Cravotta (Denise Cravotta
 Rowley & Family)
 11:00 am (Lucernemines) †Stella Yarkowski (Marilyn Crews)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, August 12-3:00pm (Lucerne)
 Sunday, August 13-8:30am (Coral)
 Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday confessions available @ 11:30am-C

JULY 29 & 30, 2023		OFFERTORY
Adult, Loose, Children & Online Giving	\$6092.00	Mass Attendance
Votive Candles	\$143.10	Lucerne
Maintenance	\$80.00	July 29, 4pm—89
Catholic Accent	\$10.00	July 30, 11am—70
St. Vincent de Paul	\$15.00	Coral
Diocesan Collection	\$45.00	July 29, 6pm—65
Special Collection	\$50.00	July 30, 9am—105
Cemetery	\$70.00	