



Our Lady of the Assumption

A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg
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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

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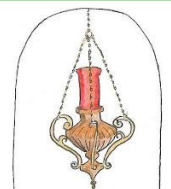
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And behold, a Canaanite woman of that district came and called out,
"Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David!
My daughter is tormented by a demon."
But Jesus did not say a word in answer to her.
Jesus' disciples came and asked him,
"Send her away, for she keeps calling out after us."
He said in reply,
"I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."



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The Sanctuary Candle
burns in honor & memory
of

Patricia & Stephen
Andrascik-C

by
Mimi Yanoscik
&

David & Anna Cusimano-L

by
Linda, Roseanne & Joanne

The Host is in memory
of Stanley Greczek-C
by Darrick Bertig



End of Summer Bash!!

If you haven't already signed up to volunteer at the Bash on Sunday, August 27th, please contact Terri at 724-459-8977.

Don't forget to drop your basket off at either the parish office or Podowski Hall. If you have any questions regarding the basket donations, please call MaryAnn Ciranni at 724-479-3451.

Cookie donations will begin this week. They can be dropped off at the parish office thru Friday or at Podowski Hall on Saturday beginning at 11:00am. We ask that if cookies contain any nut products, to please mark them accordingly. Any questions, please call Kathy Yarkowski at 724-479-2334

There is also a need for **volunteers to help set up tents and tables** at Lucerne on Saturday beginning at 1:00pm.

Your help is appreciated!



Homecoming 2023

Sunday September 17

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!



Dear Parishioners,

World Youth Day, Lisbon

Periodically in composing reflections for our Sunday bulletins at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish in Indiana County, Pennsylvania, I enjoy turning a gaze to **international Christianity and Catholicism to learn what concerns believers outside of our diocese, our state, and our country.** Having devoted much time and energy to our local focus on a Eucharistic Revival while culminated in a beautiful celebration in which we had not participated in over forty years, namely "Forty Hours," which we subtitled, "To Feed Our Souls." By doing so, however, **I missed bringing World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal** to our attention.

Under the pontificate of St. John Paul II, world youth events grew greatly in popularity. John Paul II's grandfatherly personality shone brightly as he interacted with youth in playful and serious ways. This year in Lisbon, St. Pope John Paul II was honored as a patron saint of the days. The more reserved Pope **Benedict communicated** well to youth his **personal discipleship** and his deep witness to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. This year, Pope Francis, despite his increasing frailty that obliged him to use a wheelchair, seemed to resound from the vibrancy of youthfulness from around the world. The highlight of the Welcome Ceremony in Lisbon was a **Liturgy of the Word**, focusing on St Luke's account of Jesus' **sending forth the seventy-two disciples.**

In his reflections on the Gospel reading, Pope Francis warmly welcomed the young people taking part in World Youth Day, reminding them **that God has called them by name precisely because He loves each one of them.** "At this World Youth Day," the Pope said, "let us help one another to recognize this fundamental reality: May these days be vibrant echoes of God's call of love." Christ's Church, the Pope continued, is "the community of the called," not a community of the best people; rather, we are all sinners, all called "as we are, with our problems and limitations." We are, he said, "a community of brothers and sisters of Jesus, sons and daughters of the same Father. I want to be very clear with you." This is **evangelization at its core**, inviting youth to discover Christ among us, but it is just a first step into finding faith and accepting God.

Pope Francis insisted, "There is room for *everyone* in the Church," adding that Jesus expressed this clearly in the Gospels in parables where all are called: "the young and old, the healthy and the sick, the righteous and sinners: everyone, everyone, everyone, everyone!" And he invited the crowd to repeat after him, "Everyone, everyone, everyone!" **Francis wishes none among youth to feel exclude from God.**

1.5 million persons, young and not-so-young attended the closing Mass in Portugal. **28,600 youth came from the United States for the event;** in a now traditional fashion for these days, some youth and chaperons sleep in the open air when motel rooms aren't available. Also, as in former WYDs, bishops and teachers offer catechesis in places like public squares or parks or churches and schools, while priests were recruited to hear confessions and to lead Eucharistic adoration. English seems to have been well utilized again this year, recognizing how our language operates like a common currency enabling, especially mono-tongued Americans, to communicate and to learn from the larger Catholic world. **22,800 volunteers from 147 countries** worked to serve those attending.

Some criticized Pope Francis and the planners for emphasizing ecological concerns too strongly, saying that the message of caring for creation may have obscured the message of encountering Christ and accepting discipleship. These persons thought the invitation to know Christ Jesus was hopelessly watered down. Reviewing the materials reported, I do not find the evidence of selling out to secularism strong or compelling, but we cannot limit ourselves as one young Portuguese bishop suggested to welcoming without inviting a commitment to Christ.

All in all, I am proud that our Catholic faith created an event for youth from all the corners of the globe and I am equally pleased and proud that the message of choosing to find life in Christ through repentance echoed throughout Portugal, the western-most part of southern Europe, even to the far east where the people of South Korea will host the next WYD in 2027. *St. John Paul II, pray for us.*

Father John

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!

ASSUMPTION CINEMA PRESENTS...

Admission is free. Light refreshments will be provided.

Wednesday, August 23rd

Location: Coral Social Hall (due to upcoming fundraiser)

"Two Crowns"

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

Wednesday, August 30th

Location: Podowski Hall

"The Way"

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

Location: Podowski Hall

"Mother Teresa" (back by popular demand!)

Her Feast Day is September 5th

SAVE THE DATES

We are happy to announce that our next Adult Faith Formation Series will include both **The Chosen (Season 2)** AND **New Testament Basics for Catholics by John Bergsma**. We will be alternating weeks for the video series and the book in order for participants to make it to either study...or both! **Only \$10 covers the donation for one or both of the formation selections** which will help to defray the cost of materials/refreshments. Please contact cmarco@dioceseofgreensburg.org or call the Parish Office at 724-479-9542 Ext. 15 to register.

Wednesday Evenings: The Chosen**8 Sessions**

Podowski Hall beginning at 6pm

9/20, 10/4, 10/18, 11/8, 11/29

12/13, 1/3, and 1/10

Thursday (Morning and Evening): Book Study**7 Sessions**

AM Session following 8am Mass (Coral)

PM Session beginning at 6pm (Lucernemines)

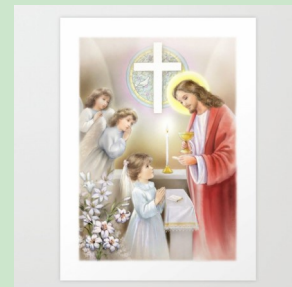
9/14, 9/28, 10/12, 10/26, 11/16, 12/7, and 12/21

FAITH FORMATION/YOUTH GROUP REGISTRATION

REGISTRATION FORMS, LETTERS, AND SCHEDULES FOR THE 2023-24 CATECHETICAL YEAR HAVE BEEN MAILED TO ALL FAMILIES REGISTERED WITH OUR PARISH FOR STUDENTS ENTERING GRADES K-12. EXTRA COPIES OF THE FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT BOTH PARISH SITES FOR ELEMENTARY (K-5), MIDDLE SCHOOL (6-7) AND YOUTH GROUP (8-12). SESSIONS ARE SCHEDULED TO BEGIN ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH.

TWO SACRAMENTAL PREP YEARS ARE MANDATORY FOR THOSE STUDENTS PREPARING TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING SACRAMENTS:

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION...STUDENTS ARE TO BE REGISTERED AND ATTENDING CLASSES REGULARLY IN FIRST AND SECOND GRADE IN ORDER TO RECEIVE THESE SACRAMENTS DURING THEIR SECOND GRADE YEAR.



CONFIRMATION...STUDENTS ARE TO BE REGISTERED AND ATTENDING CLASSES REGULARLY IN SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADE IN ORDER TO RECEIVE CONFIRMATION DURING THEIR EIGHTH GRADE YEAR.



HAPPENINGS AROUND THE DIOCESE

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.

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. Proceeds benefit Catholic Charities' services in the four counties of the Diocese. Menu and registration information can be found at ccharitiesgreensburg.org.

Salt and Light Award Nominations

Do you know an individual or organization worthy of recognition for their time, treasure and talent? If so, we want to hear from you! Catholic Charities is seeking nominees in the categories of Humanitarianism, Philanthropy and Outstanding Human Service Organization. Nominations are being accepted through Oct. 31 for the 24th annual Communities of Salt & Light Awards Dinner. The dinner is scheduled for Thursday, April 18, 2024, at Stratigos Banquet Centre, North Huntingdon. Nomination forms and criteria can be found at ccharitiesgreensburg.org under "Fundraisers"

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.

Car cruise and spaghetti dinner Sept. 10 at St. James Parish, New Alexandria

St. James Parish, New Alexandria, will hold a car cruise and spaghetti dinner Sunday, Sept. 10, from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. For information, call 724-668-2829.



SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

4:00 pm (Lucernemines) †Arthur Prato (JoAnne & Scott, Art, Sylvia & family)
 6:00 pm (Coral) †Marge Radokovich (Grandson, Scott)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

9:00 am (Coral) †Howard & Helen Sanford (Gertrude Mlinarich)
 11:00 am (Lucernemines) ProPopulo (for the people)

MONDAY, AUGUST 21- NO MASS

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22- Coral

8:00 am †Maria Linn Nguyen (Mother, Tieng Bui Donahue)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23- Coral

8:00 am †Deceased members of the Guerrieri family (Family, Betty & LuAnn)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24- Coral

8:00 am †Michael McHenry (Mom)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25, Feast of St Louis– Lucernemines

8:00 am - †Pauline Checlosky (Mary Ann Barletta)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

4:00 pm (Lucernemines) In Honor of Craig Alexander on his Ordination to the Diaconate (OLOTA Youth Group)
 6:00 pm (Coral) †Sandra Dellaflora (Tom Tedeschi)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

9:00 am (Coral) †Marcella Fetchko (John Fetchko)
 11:00 am (Lucernemines) ProPopulo (for the people)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, August 26--3:00pm (Lucerne)
 Sunday, August 27--8:30am (Coral)



AUG 12 & 13, 2023	OFFERTORY	
Adult, Loose, Children & Online Giving	\$6651.26	Mass Attendance
Votive Candles	\$94.00	Lucerne
Maintenance	\$394.00	Aug 12, 4pm—104
Catholic Accent	\$61.00	Aug 13, 11am—88
St. Vincent de Paul	\$10.00	Coral
Diocesan	\$10.00	Aug 12, 6pm—55
Assumption	\$170.00	Aug 13, 9am—132
Cemetery	\$114.00	Assumption—152